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Something must be done over charges, insists MP

HOSPITAL CAR PARK FEES VOW

By Alex Ross

AN MP has vowed not to give up on his campaign to abolish hospital car parking charges.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said 'something must be done' after figures showed the region's hospitals were raking in millions in parking fees.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall, made £471,000 in 2016/17, but most of the parking revenue was taken by a private finance initiative firm. Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs Sandwell General Hospital, made £2.4m.

Parking at Russells Hall ranges in price from £1.50 for up to 30 minutes to £5.60 for up to 24 hours.

Mr Austin said: "I don't see how we should pay such a huge amount when we want to go for hospital treatment or see a loved one or friend in hospital. It is especially bad for people who are going to and from hospitals on a regular basis. Something must be done."

Manifesto

Mr Austin also responded to an online poll in The Chronicle's sister publication The Express & Star which showed 75 per cent of readers believed parking charges should be scrapped.

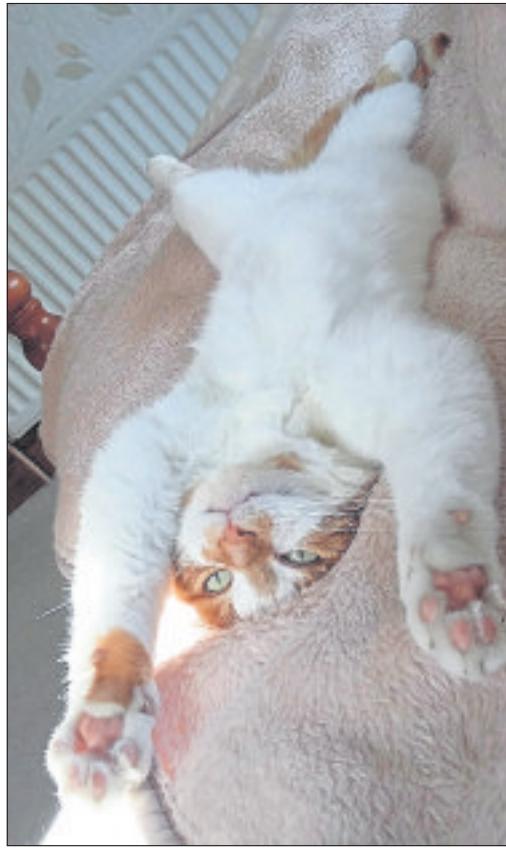
He said: "I'm not surprised about the strength of feeling. The costs really add up if you have to go for regular treatment or to visit loved ones for a few days."

"I've raised this with every health secretary, spoke out in Parliament countless times and campaigned for Labour to commit to abolishing charges in our manifesto and I'll carry on raising this until it's sorted out."

In May the Labour party announced it would scrap hospital parking charges as part of its campaign trail in the West Midlands. Shadow Health Secretary Jonathan Ashworth said: "It's a scandal that people are paying £10, £20 or £30 a day sometimes to see loved ones when they park at a hospital car park. We know people are out of pocket going for treatment or going to see loved ones and it's a disgrace."

West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge said: "UKIP have long opposed hospital parking charges and the fact that this money goes to a private company rather than the NHS makes it even more unpalatable."

NOW IT'S BEDTIME FOR TEDDY OUR PRIZE PET



Time to chill out – Teddy relaxing on the bed at home

ONE week on and all this attention is just wearing out poor Teddy. For those readers who missed the announcement last week this much-loved moggy – now seen chilling on the bed – won our Animal Crackers competition with the picture of him in the garden dovecote.

According to owner Vicky Sterrett, from Bloxwich, he just loves to get himself into lots of tight spots but here he is looking a lot more laid back. Obviously loving all the attention, he was a very clear winner with our many readers who emailed or posted in their votes.

Shortlist

From the shortlist of 10, taken from the more than 500 entries we had sent in, he was a clear winner. Vicky, from Bloxwich, said Teddy found her four years ago, arriving on her doorstep as a stray. She found that he wasn't microchipped and was about four years old. Vicky fell in love instantly and decided to keep him. "We have always thought he was a superstar and winning this competition has proved that other people think so as well," said Vicky.

"After speaking to Teddy we have decided to donate the £100 prize money to Walsall & Wolverhampton Cats Protection for all the amazing work they do," Vicky added.

Our shortlist included dogs, cats, guinea pigs, a tortoise, rabbit and even a hedgehog but it was Teddy who captured so many hearts.

He has a cheeky personality and is a very busy boy spending most of his time in the garden, in the greenhouse and of course the dovecote.

This was specially made by a carpenter at a local day care centre for adults with learning disabilities.



The winning picture



COMMUNITY
Hopes on future of derelict church

A CHURCH that has stood empty since it closed a year ago could be transformed this year.

St John's United Reformed Church in Stourbridge went on the market in May after it shut following its final service on New Year's Day 2017.

Dance company, Danse Vivante said it wanted to keep the church as a community space – but for sale signs have remained at the building since. But Pippa Coley, who has trained with the dance academy for four years, said the interest was still there.

She said: "We are still interested in it and at the minute and we are going through the board of commissioners for the final decision. It is a long process but they are keeping us informed. We have high hopes for the future for it."

The group says it hopes to keep the Garde II building intact, but with minor alterations inside. Councillor Nicolas Barlow, who represents the Wollaston and Stourbridge Town ward, said: "This is great news that the building will be utilised for the purpose of a business."

CAMPAIGN

Petition could spell end of road for name

A PETITION has been signed to change the name of an infamous Black Country street,

A campaign says residents of Bell End in Rowley Regis have become a 'laughing stock' thanks to its double entendre name, with children who live there bullied and teased at school.

The petition, by the anonymous campaigner, has been set up on change.org. It suggests changing the street's name to Bell Road and has so far been signed by 11 people.

Bell End – which leads onto Mincing Lane – has become so well known over the years that people have travelled from outside the area to have their picture taken next to its street sign.

Bell End resident Councillor Chris Tranter claims the name should not be changed. He said: "I was born here and lived here for 40 years and it doesn't bother me. You get the odd giggle on the phone, it is quite amusing really."

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Scouting stalwart given MBE at 96



Scout leader Derek Elton MBE

A RESPECTED Scout leader with more than 80 years' experience is among the unsung heroes in Dudley to be recognised in the New Year's Honours.

Derek Elton has been awarded an MBE at the age of 96 for decades of service to scout groups in Stourbridge.

The great-grandfather has been part of the scouts from the age of 15 and is still involved four years shy of his 100th birthday. Mr Elton, from Wollaston, was awarded the Silver Wolf – the

highest scouting accolade – in 2008 and admitted news of his award came as a huge shock.

"I am very, very shocked to receive it," he said. "I am absolutely thrilled to bits but it came as a huge shock."

Mr Elton joined the 1st Stourbridge St Thomas group as a teenager and went on to become cub master. He is less actively involved these days but remains president of the Kinver Scout Camp and vice-president of the West

Mercia Scout County. Meanwhile, a former housing association boss who provided homes to vulnerable families across Dudley has also been made an MBE.

Jane Clarke, 62, retired last year after almost 30 years at the helm of Churches Housing Association of Dudley and District (CHADD). She said: "I can't quite believe it. I led an incredible team of very committed people who are the ones who really deserve this award."

Drug crook fails in bid to get prison sentence cut

A DRUG trafficker from Dudley has been told his jail term was not a day too long after failing to get it reduced.

Lavir Sakaj, 33, was part of an organised crime group from the Black Country involved in ferrying large quantities of drugs to another criminal gang in Devon between February 2015 and January last year.

Sakaj, of Manor Park, Kingswinford, was jailed for four and a half years last January this year at Plymouth Crown Court after pleading guilty to conspiracy to supply cannabis and possessing criminal property.

At London's Criminal Appeal Court, Lord Justice Holroyde heard Sakaj argue that he was treated too harshly.

The judge, sitting with Mrs Justice Whipple and Mr Justice Goose, said the gang had organised 'at least six deliveries' of drugs from the West Midlands to Devon, over an 11-month period. The drugs weighed a total of about 50kg and were worth around half a million pounds on the street.

Sakaj was sentenced on the basis that he had a 'leading, significant role' in the gang.

The Crown's case was that he took over the running of that end of the operation after the original boss left the country.

Lawyers for Sakaj argued that his seniority in the gang had been over-estimated. But, throwing out his challenge, Lord Justice Holroyde said drugs gangs did not always have just one 'leader'.

"The sentence imposed could not be described as excessive," he concluded.

Man faces trial on driving charges

A 28-year-old motorist denied driving dangerously and attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to seven people during an incident near a Stourbridge school nearly 16 months ago.

Kevin Campbell, of Vickers Walk, Stourbridge, pleaded not guilty to eight charges when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court with charges relating to the driving of a red Ford Focus B Max VRM in Hob Green Road on September 12, 2016. He was remanded on bail for trial on July 16.

Developers back cancer charity work

WHITE House Cancer Support, based in Dudley, has received a £2,500 donation from business leaders the Richardson family. Manager Caroline Webb said: "The money will be used towards developing services both here at the White House and at our outreach locations."

Dedicated community servants are honoured

RESPECTED community figures from all walks of life have been recognised in the Queen's New Year's Honours.

Among them is Alan Tuckett, from the University of Wolverhampton, who has received the most notable recognition. He will collect a knighthood in recognition of his work in developing further education.

University vice chancellor, Professor Geoff Layer said: "Throughout his illustrious career, Professor Sir Alan Tuckett has forged a reputation as 'the voice of adult education' and his work has been dedicated to breaking down barriers enabling adults to access education.

"Forty years after helping to establish the very idea of the 'adult learner' in the 1970s, today he inspires the next generation of educators in his role as professor at the University of Wolverhampton."

Ultimate

Gordon Evans, chairman of Stafford Town Football Club, receives the British Empire Medal (BEM), as does the driving force behind Willenhall Rugby Club, Elfyn Pugh.

Mr Pugh, 83, has served the club for more than 60 years and his dedication was honoured a year ago when England rugby head coach Eddie Jones presented him with an RFU lifetime achievement award at Twickenham. He said: "I thought going to Twickenham was the ultimate accolade but this is a fantastic honour."

Pauline Hodgetts has been awarded the BEM for services to her community. She has strived for 40 years to make her home town Tipton a better place, leading the friends group at Victoria Park and helping to run a sons of rest group allowing pensioners to socialise with friends.

She said: "You just carry on on



Diana Seeney, MBE, for her work with The Girls Brigade



Former Dudley Mayor Steve Walther MBE



Pauline Hodgetts BEM, of Tipton



Elfyn Pugh, right, BEM



Judith Morris BEM, of Halesowen

is just an honour to think I have been recognised and appreciated for what I do and the volume of work I do."

Diana Seeney, from Wall Heath, has been honoured for services to the Girls' Brigade. She said: "I am so excited. I was very surprised when I heard about this. I think that when you do volunteering work you don't expect to get recognition for it."

The former Mayor of Dudley Steve Walther, who is a councillor in the town, has been made an MBE for services to Stourbridge.

services to local government in the Dudley borough. He said: "I'm deeply honoured, very humbled, I just work for the good of others."

There was also recognition for a giant of industry. Paul Strothers, from Wolverhampton, was former chief executive of aerospace firm Zodiac, which made seats for aeroplanes. He has been awarded an MBE for his work in the industry. David Harcourt was awarded an MBE for services to Stourbridge.

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Zoo will be spending £460,000 on revamp

PLANS to spend £460,000 on eight projects aimed at improving animal enclosures and visitor facilities have been revealed at Dudley Zoo. The schemes to get under way this year even include a beach.

The innovations include a revamp of the tiger enclosure, new viewing area for the lions and a farmyard play area, all set to be completed in 2018.

Dudley Zoo's chief executive Derek Grove says it was all part of an on-going programme of investment at the Castle Hill attraction, which has seen visitor numbers rocket. More than 300,000 people went through the gates in 2017.

Mr Grove says he wants to continue to attract new and returning visitors as well as focus on giving animals more space, bringing in new species and continuing conservation projects.

Visitors who add the 10 per cent voluntary donation to their entrance fee have been given the chance to vote for one of three major zoo projects.

Currently, the £250,000 project to extend the Sumatran tiger enclosure is the leading option.

A beach is also planned for the summer, so folk from the landlocked Black Country will not miss out on seaside style fun.

Meanwhile, Dudley Zoo is relaunching its free return offer again for all its January and February visitors.

Every full paying person who visits the zoo during the first few weeks of 2018 can qualify for a complimentary trip. To redeem the free return vouchers, visitors will need to provide an original receipt from the January or February visit.

Couple are robbed in their own home

ROBBERS armed with a knife attacked two pensioners in their home.

The masked men barged into the Lower Gornal house, injuring their victims and making off with jewellery on December 27.

Police said officers were alerted to the incident just after 7.30pm. Raiders assaulted a man and woman aged in their early-70s, before taking jewellery. The victims have been named locally as Pat and Jerry Lloyd.

Force spokesman Craig Hughes said: "The victims were left shaken and taken to hospital with minor injuries."

"The men - who were armed with a knife - fled the scene on foot and officers are now reviewing CCTV in the area. Patrols have been stepped up to reassure the community."

CCTV images have been posed online via Facebook of the alleged attackers.

Banqueting hall on market at £560k



Paradise Banqueting Suite

A FORMER banqueting hall is poised to be brought back to life after being put up for sale for more than half a million pounds.

The Paradise Banqueting Suite, in Mill Street, Brierley Hill, has stood empty for more than two years.

It has been put on the market by Cottont Chartered Surveyors for £560,000 with five investment flats above.

Nearby businesses said the site had not been occupied since 2014, when it had been used as a premier entertainment and wedding venue, let out

for £36,000 per year. It had also been used as a Indian restaurant.

Planning consent was granted in 2012 for the conversion of the first and second floor accommodation to five separate self-contained flats. Average rental of the flats ranged from £450 to £510 a month.

Pleased

The site had previously been put up for auction but failed to sell.

Brierley Hill ward councillor Rachael Harris said: "I would be really pleased to actually see it used again.

It would be up to the person who bought it to decide in what use, but anything would be better than seeing it just standing there. I am happy that there appears to be a solution to it now."

"It used to be a pub many years ago but was then turned into a banqueting suite and was then set to be used as a restaurant with a kitchen put in place.

"Sadly the restaurant never got off the ground but it is a lovely space inside and a lot of work went in to refurbishing it."

NEWS IN BRIEF

£27m rail centre plan is submitted

A £27 million rail construction centre that will create more than 200 jobs in Dudley has been hailed as the 'feather in the cap' for Dudley's regeneration – as a planning application for the scheme was formally submitted.

The creation of the light rail innovation centre in the heart of the town has moved a step closer with detailed plans having been lodged with the borough council.

The pioneering facility, which will create 225 jobs and 331 apprenticeships, will feature cutting-edge technology shaping the future of transport. The innovation centre will see part of Castle Hill transformed.

The 550-strong workforce will be responsible for designing, building and testing vehicles. The facility will become a national hub aiming to design lightweight vehicles, with rail bosses tasked with making the industry cheaper and more environmentally friendly.

Dudley Council's regeneration boss, Councillor Ian Kettle said: "It is a national facility for experimental rail development and I'm looking forward to it starting. It is going to have a huge impact on the local economy. We initially said £25m but it looks like doubling that over the next few years. It will be a feather in the cap economically. I'm very enthusiastic."

Dudley Council leader Patrick Harley says the rail centre will be one of the most important developments in the Black Country in recent years.

Memorial garden is to be improved

A MEMORIAL garden for the babies of grieving parents in Dudley is to be enlarged and tidied up.

Council bosses are keen to provide a larger dedicated space for parents and other family members to visit at Gorstall Wood Crematorium. There will be more room to sit and an area for mementoes to be left.

Dudley Council said the existing garden had become 'very crowded and chaotic'. The total cost of the project will be around £30,000, including grant funding, and work is expected to begin this month.

Body in canal thought to be of missing man

A BODY found in a Black Country canal is believed to be that of missing man Simon Smith, from Brierley Hill.

It was found in the water in Brierley Hill on the morning of December 27, near Meeting Lane. Mr Smith was last seen on December 3. He had left home to visit family but never returned.

Officers had carried out searches of the canal in the days before Christmas in an effort to find the missing man. Police say the death is not suspicious.

'Unscrupulous' former head given teaching ban

A HEADTEACHER who 'tricked' a colleague into bumping up his salary by £19,000 has been banned from teaching for life.

David Bishop-Rowe, former head at The Sutton School and Specialist College in Dudley, took advantage of a colleague's poor eyesight to get his pay rise signed off. The increase, which had not been approved by the school's governing body, took his salary up to £110,851.

The 61-year-old was also found to have committed a 'sustained course of dishonest conduct', including directing thousands of pounds owed to the school to a company set up by himself. He has apologised for his 'unscrupulousness'.

Mr Bishop-Rowe led the school in Scotts Green Close, for pupils with special educational needs, from 2002 until he resigned in 2014 after a whistleblower triggered an investigation.

He has been banned from the profession by the National College for Teaching and Leadership, part of the Department for Education, after admitting a string of allegations.

The panel found Mr Bishop-Rowe had 'deliberately sought to conceal' the fact that he had set up a private company, Education Development Consultancy (EDC), where money that should have gone to the school was instead funnelled.

It said that almost £28,000 the school should have received for work he did for the National College for School Leadership (NCSL) was instead redirected to EDC after he added the company's bank details to invoices without the knowledge of the school, or the NCSL.

Further investigation found that Mr Bishop-Rowe was named as a director, meaning payments made to EDC were being paid in effect directly to Mr Bishop-Rowe.

Mr Bishop-Rowe was not at the hearing but admitted the allegations against him, and was banned from teaching indefinitely.

Setback for campaign to save house



Hatherton Lodge in Cradley, former home of the famous Black Country industrialist Noah Hingley

A BATTLE to save the former home of the man credited with bringing chain-making to the Black Country has suffered a huge blow as Dudley planners recommended it be demolished.

The Victorian Society and Save Britain's Heritage have pleaded with Dudley Council not to allow the demolition of Hatherton Lodge in Cradley, which was once

the home of the industrialist Noah Hingley. The house is in a poor condition. Developer Cornbow Properties wants to build seven homes on the site.

Mr Hingley, whose Netherton ironworks N Hingley & Sons made the anchor for the Titanic, lived at the property on Drews Holloway during the 19th century.

A bid to save the Victorian

house was launched by heritage campaigners. Nearly 100 objections were lodged and more than 250 backed an online campaign to save the building.

The scheme is due to be decided at a meeting of the planning committee on Tuesday, but officers said the applicant had provided 'clear and convincing justification for the loss of Hatherton Lodge'.

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Asylum service needs a 'shake-up'

A MAJOR shake-up is needed in the UK's asylum offices following claims staff are being overworked, a Black Country MP has said.

John Spellar called for action after whistleblowers claimed workers in the Home Office's asylum directorate were in a 'constant state of crisis'.

The Labour MP for Warley said: "Day after day MPs, and even more of our constituents, have to deal with this cruel and incompetent bureaucracy. While it is true the cuts in numbers of staff under Theresa May as Home Secretary haven't helped, the root cause is the whole rotten ethos of the place. It needs a major shake-up."

Holocaust survivor guest at university

A HOLOCAUST survivor is to tell an audience in Wolverhampton about his experiences during the Second World War.

Henri Obstfeld will share his story during an event at the University of Wolverhampton on January 25, ahead of Holocaust Memorial Day, which commemorates millions murdered by the Nazis. Mr Obstfeld, who was born into a Jewish family in Amsterdam, survived thanks to a couple who pretended he was their nephew.

Shire horse show will celebrate 140 years

A SHOW featuring the world's largest gathering of Shire horses will mark its 140th anniversary in March. The National Shire Horse Show returns to Staffordshire Showground for the third year, from March 16 to 18. Adult tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the gate, while tickets for children aged five to 13 are £8 in advance or £10 on the gate. Under fives free. See shire-horse.org.uk for details.

On the run sex offender found in Wales

A former Dudley man wanted for historical sexual assaults was found sleeping rough in a Cardiff park, following a tip off.

Matthew Perry, currently of no fixed address, had been charged with 11 counts of child sexual offences – including rape – after an investigation was launched following information from two young girls given to police in 2014.

But the unemployed 38-year-old failed to appear at his trial in September 2016 and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

A nationwide search was launched jointly by West Midlands and Hertfordshire Police, after reported sightings of him sleeping rough in Borehamwood.

A trial went ahead in Perry's absence and he was found guilty on De-

ember 14 at Wolverhampton Crown Court. A tip off finally led police to a Cardiff park where they found him on December 20.

He has now been jailed for 20 years followed by an extended licence period of five years. He will remain on the Sex Offenders Register for life.

Detective Sergeant Kay Redfern, from the force's Public Protection Unit, said: "We are delighted that,

with the assistance of the public and our colleagues in South Wales Police, we have removed a dangerous sex offender from our streets.

"We wish to thank everyone who contacted us with information that led to the capture of this man. I hope this brings comfort to his victims who showed tremendous courage in coming forward and reporting their horrific experiences."

Teenager set fire to six buses in eight days

AN 18-year-old who set fire to six buses in eight days has been ordered to be detained indefinitely in a secure mental hospital.

Limel Gocan ignited seats on a variety of Black Country routes causing over £1,500 worth of damage, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Fire crews were called to two of the blazes and a bus driver had to be treated at the scene of one of the incidents after being overcome by the smoke.

Mr Andrew Baker, prosecuting, said the teenage fire raiser struck first shortly before 10.30pm on March 27 when he set light to a rear seat on the top floor of a double decker on the 126 service that runs from Wolverhampton to Birmingham via Dudley.

On April 2 he started another fire on a seat on the lower deck of a double decker heading for Dudley bus station. He struck three times on different buses the following day.

The court heard he suffered from learning difficulties, autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Experts said he struggled to understand the possible consequences of his actions.

The defendant, of previous good character, admitted six charges of arson and was made the subject of a hospital order by Judge Amjad Nawaz who said: "Prison will do him no good and a stay in hospital should reduce the risk of his future offending."

Nine homes are proposed for site

HOUSES could be built on the site of a former food distribution business near Stourbridge under new plans.

Dudley-based Horgan Homes and Developments Ltd has unveiled proposals for land off Hackmans Gate Lane in Cleint.

The site was previously used by H&H Chilled Foods which specialised in the production of dairy produce, storage and distribution of food and drink.

All three of the original commercial buildings on the site have been demolished.

A planning application for nine detached houses has now been submitted to planning bosses at Wyre Forest District Council.

A decision is expected within the next three months.

Now it's going to cost more to die in Dudley

By Richard Guttridge

THE cost of dying is set to rise in Dudley with charges for burials and cremations due to increase in 2018.

Families will have to fork out an extra £78 to bury an adult in Dudley, with the cost to rise above £1,000 if the proposals are rubber-stamped next week.

It would be the second increase to bereavement charges in 12 months.

An adult burial is set to cost £1,053, up from £975. Burying a child would go up from £194 to £209.

The cost of an adult cremation is due to rise by £65 to £877. Cremations for children would go up from £97 to £105.

The burial or cremation of a still-born baby, or a baby aged under one month, will remain free under the plans.

Bosses at the Conservative-controlled authority said the proposed hikes are to 'account for inflationary increases and pressures' and had been calculated at a level required 'to meet income targets set as part of the council's budget'.

Decision

If the increases go ahead, it means adult burials would cost families £150 more than in 2016.

A final decision on the increases is due to be made at a meeting on January 10.

Leaders admitted in October, when the council's budget was announced, that bereavement fees were expected to rise.

Labour councillor Ken Finch said he was 'disappointed' by the proposals and said: "Burial fees are sky high. People can't afford it."

"Everybody can't find three or four thousand pounds when someone unfortunately passes away. People are now having to reach out to charities."

Festive hunt tradition remains popular



Hundreds turned out for the Albrighton & Woodland Boxing Day Hunt at Hagley Hall near Stourbridge

HUNDREDS of people gathered for a Boxing Day hunt meeting in a tradition which dates back hundreds of years.

The Albrighton and Woodland Hunt met on Boxing Day at Hagley Hall, near Stourbridge, where dozens of horseback hunters with hounds were cheered on by crowds of supporters for what is considered a traditional rural spectacle by many.

Fox hunting was banned in 2004 but now the hunt follows scent trails across the countryside, as foxes and other wild animals are not to be harmed.

There were more than registered 250 hunts taking

place across the UK on Boxing Day, said pro-hunting group the Countryside Alliance.

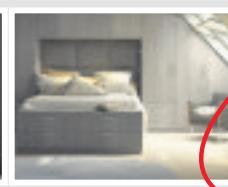
The alliance's Polly Portwin said hunting was still popular more than 12 years after the ban, adding "With huge crowds showing their support again and an increasing number of young people joining the hunting field, the future of hunting is secure."

The Conservatives pledged in their election manifesto to hold a free vote on the future on fox hunting, possibly paving the way for a repeal of the ban, but the policy's omission from the Queen's speech suggests it may have been put on the back burner.

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Evil killer's prison term increased after appeal

POLICE have praised the extension of the jail sentence of murderer Aaron Barley who killed a mother and son in their own home in Stourbridge.

Barley was sentenced to life in prison in October with a minimum term of 30 years after admitting to murdering mother and son, Tracey and Pierce Wilkinson, at their home in Greyhound Lane last March.

He also admitted the attempted murder of Peter Wilkinson, Tracey's husband and Pierce's father.

After West Midlands Police and the Crown Prosecution Service appealed the sentence, it was ruled that the term was too lenient.

At the Court of Appeal Barley's term was increased after Solicitor General Robert Buckland argued before Lord Justice Holroyde, Mrs Justice Whipple and Mr Justice Goose that the original sentence was 'unduly lenient'.

Insufficient

The three judges agreed that the 30-year minimum term was insufficient in 'this most exceptional and grave case'. They substituted it with a minimum term of 35 years, less time on remand - amounting to 34 years and 178 days before he can be considered for release on licence. It means Barley will be at least 58 before he is eligible to apply for parole.

Mr Wilkinson and his daughter Lydia were in court in London while Barley watched from prison by video-link.

Barley had armed himself with a kitchen knife when he crept inside the family's home and stabbed Mrs Wilkinson and her son as they slept in their beds. Mr Wilkinson, who was out walking the dog, was stabbed a number of times on his return and was fortunate to survive. Lydia was away at university at the time.

Barley had been taken in by the family after Mrs Wilkinson saw him sleeping rough in the spring of 2016. They had helped him to find a home and a job and had invited him to spend Christmas Day with them.

Detective Chief Inspector Edward Foster, from the homicide team, was at court for the hearing. He said: "I am pleased that the original sentence was deemed too lenient and I hope this brings further closure to Peter Wilkinson and his daughter Lydia."

The trial judge had decided not to impose a whole-life tariff principally because of Barley's youth.

Traffic delays

MOTORISTS have been warned to expect delays along a major route through Himley until February 16.

Temporary traffic lights will be on Bridgnorth Road, near the A449 Stourbridge Road, during the work.

Brain injury saves crash driver from jail

LIFE-CHANGING injuries suffered by drink-driver Anthony Evitts in a crash while driving a car taken without permission have saved him from prison.

His brother was thrown through the windscreen and a young woman passenger left close to death when disaster struck in Birmingham Road, Stourbridge, in March.

The vehicle had a potentially dangerous suspension fault the 29-year-old knew nothing of when he illegally took the motor, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mr Edward Soulsby, prosecuting, explained that the defendant lost control of the car on a bend at speed.

A sample taken later from his body gave a read-

ing of 94 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. The legal limit is 80.

The woman passenger's back was broken in four places as well as suffering head injuries, punctures to both lungs, a broken pelvis and facial scarring.

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, defending, said the suspension fault could have been one of the reasons why Evitts lost control.

The lawyer continued: "He remembers nothing of what happened but lives with the guilt, shame and remorse of knowing he was responsible."

Nine months after the accident, the defendant still has major problems from a brain injury. He now receives disability living allowance and is cared for by his grandmother.

Mr Woolhouse concluded: "It will be a very slow road to recovery, if ever comes."

Evitts from Wesley Avenue, Halesowen, pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicle taking causing injury, drink-driving and having neither insurance nor a driving licence.

Recorder Abigail Nixon told him: "Without the injuries you suffered you would be going straight to prison and you would no doubt swap a prison sentence for those injuries."

"You have now got to live with what you have done."

Evitts received a 12-month jail sentence suspended for two years with a three-month night-time curfew and was banned from driving for 12 months.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Church plan hit by parking worry

PLANS for a church to be demolished and a new one built in its place with community facilities have been recommended for refusal.

Proposals to knock down Wall Heath Evangelical Free Church, in Envile Road, have been put forward to Dudley Council planners.

The building would be divided into two, a two-storey building at the front and auditorium at the rear. A cafe, crèche, toilets, kitchen, store areas and offices would also be built.

However, planners were concerned about 'inadequate parking provision' resulting in unacceptable levels of additional on-street parking.

Tax payers have a say over spending

RESIDENTS are urged to have their say about investment in services in Dudley borough.

The deadline is approaching on January 26 for Dudley Council's 'Big Question' budget consultation, available online or via local libraries and leisure centres. Bosses have put forward savings of £4 million for 2018/19 but also propose investing millions in other services.

Chiefs propose increasing the rate of council tax by 1.99 per cent plus a precept of one per cent to support older and vulnerable adults.

Concert in need of more singers

MORE choral singers are needed for a concert organised by a school's director of music.

Anna Downes, from Old Swinford Hospital, is appealing for experienced singers to take part in a performance of Haydn's Nelson Mass at the school on January 20. They will join the Central England Camerata and money raised will be donated to Mary Stevens Hospice.

Singers interested in taking part should email ardiviolinist@gmail.com or call 07967 728588 for further details.

Neon dash to raise cash for hospital unit

A HOSPITAL charity is appealing for walkers and runners to take part in a colourful fundraiser at Himley Hall.

Dudley Group NHS Charity has organised a Neon 5k Colour Dash to generate funds for its neonatal unit.

Participants can run, skip, walk or dance their way round either a 2.5k or a 5k course. The event is to take place at 11am on June 10. For more information see www.dudleygroup.nhs.uk/our-charity or call (01384) 321121.

Tram back on track at museum



Tram 5 back in action at The Black Country Living Museum following a £75,000 overhaul in Wales

A 100-year-old tram that was once used as a garden shed is back on the tracks at The Black Country Living Museum in Dudley.

Tram 5 is now operating at the attraction after a £75,000 overhaul. The single-decker tram was built in 1920 at the works of the Electric Traction Company in Tividale and operated in Dudley.

Thirty-one trams of the same design were constructed at the works and Tram 5 is one of only a handful that survived.

In the 1970s, it was discovered in a garden in Kates Hill, where it was used as a shed and garden house.

It was donated to the museum in 1974 and, after a lengthy res-

toration, started operating there in 1980. Its latest restoration has seen it back in action.

A museum statement said: "Once operating in Dudley and Stourbridge in the 1920s, she's now ready to take you around the museum and back in time."

Tram 5 underwent conservation work at Llangollen Railway.

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So Ringo what have you done to merit this?

A GREATER mind than mine is needed to work this one out. Back in 1965, when Beatlemania was at its height, Ringo Starr was appointed an MBE, along with the rest of his bandmates.

In 1970, when The Beatles finally broke up having released their final album there were no further honours, presumably because the MBEs were thought to suffice.

Paul McCartney was given a knighthood in 1997, but nothing more for Starr, presumably because the MBE was still considered sufficient. Indeed, there was no mention of him in the Queen's birthday honours, and that was only six months ago. Nor in the previous New Year's honours list or the one for David Cameron's resignation, four months earlier.

So Ringo's honour is obviously for something he has achieved since June last year, something that completely eclipses his work with The Beatles. Perhaps somebody can tell me what it is?

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DAVID Beckham reveals that at times of stress, he plays with Lego to help him relax. Which reminds me of a joke dating back to his playing days, when the midfielder asked the then Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson for help with a jigsaw.

"Boss, boss, you've gotta help me," he shouted nervously. "I wanted to show Victoria I am not thick, that I can do a jigsaw puzzle, but it's so hard."

Looking slightly confused, Ferguson asked Beckham where the puzzle was.

"It's here boss, it's meant to be a cockerel, but no matter how I arrange all the pieces, it doesn't look right."

Ferguson sighed wearily, and placed a fatherly hand on Beckham's shoulder.

"David, David, son," he said. "Just put the cornflakes back in the box."

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EXCITING news from the Government, which is spending millions to ensure all mainline trains have "superfast wi-fi connectivity". Apparently, this means every passenger will be able to watch videos at the same time, which is great news for ticket inspectors who will have to intercept every passenger from their viewing.

Can you imagine anything more hateful? Whole carriages of people lost in their own little world, a cacophony of whistling noises emanating from the headphones like tinnitus for anybody not wishing to participate. The work involves laying hundreds of miles of fibre-optic cables alongside the tracks, so you can imagine the disruption.

Call me a luddite, but wouldn't you prefer the money was spent on a bit of real "connectivity", like reopening some of the railway lines around the Black Country?

From fake news and Bake Off to the TV licence fee



Donald Trump – if somebody takes a pot-shot will guards shout: "Donald, duck!"



Gary Lineker – takes TV licence fees from more than 15,000 homes to employ him



The Krankies – reader asks: "After Scottish independence, who gets custody of them?"

Annual line-up: So who can Trump this?

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



So that was the year, that was. And now for some snippets to kick off 2018 ...

ALL hail the new blue passport, the visible symbol of the UK finally divorced from the EU. In the great scheme of things, the colour of a document that most of us use only once or twice a year may seem insignificant. But such things matter, if only to reassure 17 million voters that HMS Brexit, having been tied to the EU quayside in miles of red tape for the past 18 months, is about to set sail.

CASTLE Lodge in Ludlow is one of the quirkiest old buildings I've ever visited, probably because it is privately owned and occupied and there's a strange sense of intruding into somebody's secret world. So good luck to the £500,000 appeal to acquire and restore it, although I understand the sentiments of a reader who declares: "Food banks in every town – and yet another old building takes precedence!" The point is that if every old-building appeal were wound up tomorrow, the money would still not alleviate poverty. Now that we have hundreds of them, food banks, like the poor, will always be with us. As long as some people are happy to collect and distribute food to the less well-off and other people are grateful to accept it, the food banks will endure. It is pointless and insulting to regard them as a national disgrace.

A CROSS-party group of MPs says travellers who set up illegal camps should be forced to pay for the cost of cleaning up any mess they leave behind. Good luck with that. I have a mental image of a determined and stern-faced MP handing a bill to one such family and inexplicably ending up with an even bigger bill for 50 yards of asphalt he never wanted.

Of course, there is a very serious side to smuggling, as in the court case where several people were jailed for using drones to get drugs and phones to prison inmates. But sometimes you have to smile at the audacity of some people. I was once in a cinema, waiting for the film to start, when a couple extracted from a carrier bag a flask, sandwiches and for all I know a dessert, and had a real feast.

And what had I brought with me? A bottle of tap water from home, just to avoid paying the exorbitant prices in the foyer.

Sometimes, it's best just to be brazen ... and prepare a convincing excuse for when you're nabbed! STEVE PARLETT



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What's this obsession with TV and smuggling?

FOR some reason the subject of smuggling has suddenly become a hot topic and not just in the stories which make the news these days. Take a recent weekend TV schedules for example.

First we had Sir Tony "Time Team" Robinson in Cornwall with his Walking Through History, and he was determined to dig up all the facts he could on smuggling there.

It was an interesting insight into a precarious but lucrative industry, but blow me down, who was this in hot pursuit of the Time Team man? Only one of the West Midlands' finest. Coastal Railways with Julie Walters was an affectionate trip along scenic routes. And aside from wallowing in the Cornish scenery, she was highly happy poking about for clues to how smugglers operated.

Then just as we thought there was nothing more to be said about the subject, up pops the least likely of smuggling fans in Penelope Keith's Coastal Villages. In an attempt to outrun Robinson and Walters, she headed for the Isle of Wight and West Sussex where, to quote Channel 4, she "becomes immersed in stories of seafarers, smugglers and shipwrecks".

Despite the lawlessness of the subject, all three programmes portrayed those ruthless gangs of long ago in a romantic light. And there is something to be said about the thrill of sneaking past the authorities. I was nervous as hell when smuggling my cassette recorder into open-air festivals to obtain what I reckoned would be highly sought-after bootleg tapes of the likes of Pink Floyd and Thin Lizzy.

Only trouble was, my primitive machine made the bands sound like they were playing in a tunnel, and picked up every utterance of the people around me.

Years later, having come straight from work, I had more success taking a tuna sandwich into a football match, despite warning notices at the turnstiles saying only food and drink bought at the kiosks could be consumed inside the stadium.

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In praise of these 'special' individuals

TWO of the highlights of my work on the run up to Christmas was working with very special groups of individuals. Generations apart both groups fall into the special needs area (although whatever they appear to lack they make up for in unbelievable enthusiasm).

Halas homes in Halesowen run a day centre as part of the complex and I have been working with the staff and a group of individuals on their festive play while also accompanying them with their amazing sing and sign lady to Brummingham Town Hall for a morning of carols.

Deceived by the one light drivers

I HAVE never seen so many motorists driving with only one head light working.

This also applies to those who drive with only one sidelight working or one rear light working.

In daylight hours, when the light is very low and in heavy rain showers, you also regularly see drivers not switching on their lights.

Surely they must realise that this is not only dangerous but also an offence.

Obviously, because of police cuts, this is low on their priority lists.

When you're travelling at night on roads with no street lights, you look in your rear mirror to see one headlight. You think it's a motorbike but it's actually a car with only one headlight working.

Can motorists be that stupid?

I think it's time for the police to put this issue on their priority list.

BOB WHITEHOUSE
Kingswinford

No rail chaos here

MY dictionary defines chaos as "Formless primordial matter" or "utter confusion". There is no way that that upgrading work at Soho and resignalling work from Sandwell & Dudley towards New Street (Passengers warned of Christmas train chaos: Stourbridge Chronicle) could ever be accurately described as chaos. Your article failed to bring out that the vast majority of rail services between Birmingham and Wolverhampton will operate over an alternative route (via Aston, Perry Bar and Bescot) adding just a few minutes to journey times. The only passengers having to use buses will be those travelling to the intermediate stations from Smethwick Rolfe Street and Coseley; a tiny proportion. With details of the scheme having been widely publicised and because renewal of the junctions at Soho will give passengers a much more reliable service, the use of "chaos" seems particularly poorly thought through.

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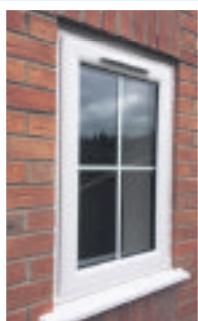


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Keep fit thanks to a pole dancing champion



Robyn Churchill, 17, of Stourbridge, left, and Jade Flash, 25, of Quinton, are opening The Jewels Academy in Dudley IT is a fitness lesson – with a difference.

Pole dancing and aerial exercise is coming to Dudley.

The Jewels Academy will be opening at a former industrial unit in Angel Street and it is being co-led by World Pole Double Champion Jade Flash.

Mrs Flash, aged 25, says the academy will offer people looking to get fit with 'an alternative, fun way' to shed the pounds.

The academy will feature aerial

equipment, competition-height poles and a dance studio. It is scheduled to open on Saturday (January 6).

Mrs Flash, who will be running the academy alongside 17-year-old Robyn Churchill, said: "Many people find it hard to motivate themselves at a gym but this is an alternative, fun way for people to improve their fitness."

Mrs Flash, from Quinton, has danced since the age of three. She did a three-year performing art course at Stratford-upon-Avon College before starting work on musicals.

Her dancing career has taken her overseas, including Mexico, and she even joined the circus on returning to the UK, becoming an aerial artist with the Charles Chipperfield Circus.

After working as a fitness instructor, and competing, she decided to open the new academy in the Black Country.

She said: "Because I live in Halesowen I decided to look for a unit nearby, and as soon as I saw the place I knew it was right."

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Pupils from Illeys Community Centre who took part in the project to learn about traditional skills

YOUNGSTERS from Smethwick took part in an innovative project to show them how traditional skills such as forging and chain making are being updated by new technology.

The project, a collaboration between the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley College, intended to give the children an appreciation of the Black Country's industrial past while introducing them to future career options.

More than 20 children from the age of eight, who attend the Illeys Community Centre, learned about chain-making and welding skills by visiting Dudley College's Advance II centre to see modern technology in action.

Dudley College principal Lowell Williams said: "Their enthusiasm was unsurpassed and they clearly understood the links between past craft skills and how the same products are being made today by advanced technology."

£1.6m for hospital charities

TWO hospital charities have received more than £1.6 million through fundraising, donations and legacies in 12 months.

The money has been used for a variety of projects in Sandwell and Dudley.

The Dudley Group NHS Charity received £246,257 in donations and £17,935 in legacies during the 2016/17 financial year. Fundraising also helped to add £79,314 to the pot. Chief execu-

tive Diane Wake said: "We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of those who support our charity in the form of donations, legacies and taking part in fundraising.

"The charitable donations we receive allow us to provide extra comfort, equipment and facilities that otherwise would not be available."

She said donations had been used to buy specialist equipment as well as introducing new digital reminiscence therapy software to areas across Russells Hall Hospital, for the benefit of dementia patients. Meanwhile, the

registered charity for Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals - Your Trust Charity - raised £1,246,000 from April 2016 to March 2017.

Projects funded included The Sapphire Project, which was carried out with AgeWell CIC and West Bromwich African Caribbean Care Centre.

Johnny Shah, head of Your Trust Charity, said: "We are so grateful to the fantastic generosity of our donors, with legacies in particular helping us to fund 13 new projects of almost £400,000 from our grants programme."

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FIVE MINUTES FROM MERRY HILL

Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

1. Care Cost Fees

A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the local authority to help pay for these services. This goes back to the Community Care Act 1990, which came into force in 1993. If someone requires social care in later life, the local authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the local authority will take over the fees.

Paul knows this all too well, after experiencing this personally. "My own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate were counted in the local authority's means test.

Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the local authority get it all?'

Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 – and that's all that her children inherited."

There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this. The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true.

Local authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time.

Sometimes people think if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe.

This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not local authority care.

The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place. Paul continues: "What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills. If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would have only been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?

The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning.

It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain a further important point. Most clients he sees are surprised to learn that remarriage usually cancels a will and makes the new spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children!

Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

It's another important reason for home-owning couples to upgrade to a Property Trust Will.

2. Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard "mirror wills" with other firms before approaching the firm. A mirror will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a mirror will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the local authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

Even if my children are named in my mirror will it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything.

Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin. This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit.

The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a mirror will. If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance.

Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work!

I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has. Bloodline trusts will give greater protection to your children."

Paul continues: "These things can be avoided by having a bloodline trusts will. Under these types of wills your children have complete control

and access to the inheritance they receive from you but give added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life. The wording in these wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

3. Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a will that deals with their estate on death, and a lasting power of attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

The lasting power of attorney is a relatively new introduction and is divided into two parts – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare. In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise. It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they receive care. Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times. You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available.

Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a lasting power of attorney document

Having a lasting power of attorney removes the burden on children should ill-health happen further down the line. It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death. Crucially, you have to complete a lasting power of attorney while they are still in good mental health.

If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process. It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family.

Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly where there are children or a business involved. It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us.

People think 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a power of attorney?'

But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance. Paul adds: "The next part is to appoint the attorneys, your children. Don't forget, your children can be the executors of your will and attorneys as well. The lasting power of attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it. Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."



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Games success could hasten the Metro link

THE £200 million extension of the Midland Metro through Dudley town centre to Brierley Hill could be ready a year earlier than expected in time for the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

Transport bosses revealed they wanted to speed up work on the line, which will be extended from Wednesbury towards Dudley, to take advantage of the sporting competition being held in Birmingham.

Work was due to start in 2019 and the line open to passengers by 2023 but the launch date could now be brought forward.

Discussions have already been held about speeding up the work and further talks are now planned with Transport for West Midlands and the Midlands Metro Alliance.

Dudley Council leader Patrick Harley said: "The announcement that Birmingham is to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games is fantastic news for the whole region. With thousands of extra visitors potentially coming into the region, we recognise that the Games could prove a massive economic boost for Dudley."

The seven-mile route will run past Dudley Zoo and Castle, into the heart of Dudley town centre and then on to the Waterfront, Merry Hill and into Brierley Hill town centre.

Road victim is named by police



Krzysztof Klasowski – found dying in the street

THE man killed in a suspected hit-and-run incident in Stourbridge last month has been named by police.

Krzysztof Klasowski died after being hit by a vehicle on Amblecote High Street, Stourbridge. The 37-year-old, from West Bromwich, was found in the road with multiple injuries at around 5.30am on December 16.

Police continue to appeal for any information surrounding Mr Klasowski's death.

A 20-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving after handing himself in to a police station. He has since been released as the investigation continues.

Sergeant Alan Wood, from West Midlands Police, said: "A number of people have spoken to me and my team but I am appealing to anyone who has not yet come forward and who was in the area at around 3.30pm to contact me."

Anyone with information is asked to email the Collision Investigation Unit at f1_collision_invest@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk.

Firms finally start to see benefit of fund

THE first companies are benefitting from a major cash injection for industry from the Midlands Engine Investment Fund (MEIF).

Brierley Hill-based Direct Digital Controls is one of four companies to secure funding. It will enable the 21-strong company to recruit four more staff and train an additional apprentice as it expands its growing wired and lighting controls divisions.

The finance was due to be launched at the start of 2017, alongside a similar scheme for the Northern Powerhouse area. But a string of delays held up the funding. It was finally cleared to start lending in October.

Backed by the European Regional Development Fund, MEIF will provide £120 million of debt finance and small business loan funds as part of a £250m commitment to support the growth of small and medium-sized companies across the Midlands.

Shopkeeper is fined after illegal tobacco haul found

A HAUL of illegal cigarettes and tobacco was discovered hidden in a secret compartment in a chair when trading standards officers visited a shop in Dudley.

The team, which included a sniffer dog, carried out an inspection at Alena Mini Market in Dudley High Street.

Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court was told that in October 2016 officers discovered 63 packets of cigarettes and tobacco at the shop which did not have the necessary health warnings and evaded excise duty.

Four of the brands were found to be counterfeit.

The duty evaded was estimated to be more than £400.

As well as finding packets hidden in

a chair, some of the haul was discovered by the inspection team inside a jacket.

Khosnaw Faiqiqi, aged 27, the proprietor of Alena Mini Market pleaded guilty to five offences at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court.

He was fined £500 and ordered to pay £500 costs and a victim surcharge of £30. All the illegal products seized were ordered to be destroyed.

Dates revealed for community forums

COMMUNITY forums will be taking place in venues across the Dudley borough this month.

The next round of the Dudley Council-run meetings will be held from January 8 to 22. People can meet with councillors and police representatives to discuss and work together on ideas or issues in their community.

Forums also offer community groups the chance to bid for grants of up to £5,000 for projects or activities which benefit local people.

Council leader Patrick Harley said: "With the start of a new year, it's a great time to get together with local communities to focus on our key priorities for the year ahead."

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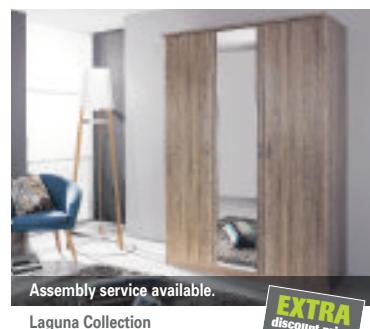
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Andrew Gould's painting of a Don Everall DC-3

Reminder of that time when airline flew high

THE Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre has just placed on display an original poster for Don Everall Tours.

Also a painting of a DC-3 airliner, of Don Everall Aviation, taking off from Wolverhampton Airport.

These are reminders of a time when Don Everall was the most famous name in Black Country travel.

Don Everall began his coach firm between the wars when coaches were known as charabancs, and Don was often to be found behind the wheel. His empire expanded to include garages, travel shops, and even destinations, including a caravan park in Wales.

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By Alec Brew

In 1951 he took over a small Birmingham airline called Lees-Hill Aviation, and soon began scheduled flights to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man with eight seat Dragon Rapide airliners.

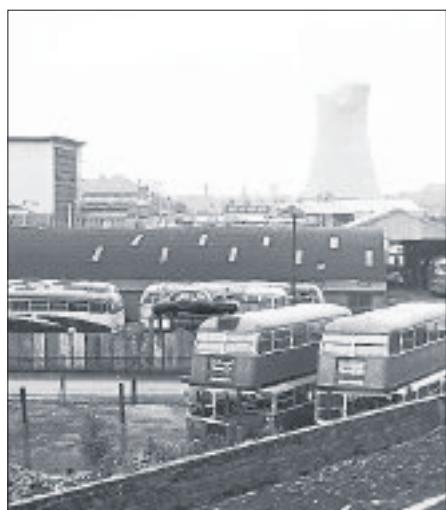
Don Everall Aviation took over the running of Wolverhampton Airport at Pendeford, which also became their maintenance base. For a time the scheduled flights operated from there, and you could fly to the Channel Islands from Pendeford for £12 return.

In 1957 larger DC-3 airliners were

introduced then Vickers Vikings with holiday flights to the Med, but when Don learned the cost of upgrading to Viscount turbo-prop airliners he baulked and sold out to another airline.

The company still ran the airport until its closure in 1971, and its travel business survived for many years after that.

Local artist Andrew Gould has painted a picture of a Don Everall DC-3 taking off from Pendeford and has donated a print to the Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre, where further limited edition prints can be bought. It is a reminder of a time when Wolverhampton's own airline flew from the city's own airport.



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£9.6m paid out due to medical blunders

MEDICAL blunders at Russells Hall Hospital led to almost £10 million in payouts and costs in one year.

A total of £9.6m – of which £6.1m were compensation payments – was paid out on behalf of Dudley Group NHS Foundation for clinical negligence claims in 2016/17, new figures have revealed.

The remainder of the money paid out on behalf of the trust for negligence claims went to defence and claimant costs. Some of the payouts go back to cases many years ago.

The trust, however, saw its bill rise significantly from £5.6m in 2015/16.

NHS Resolution funds the cost of clinical negligence claims on behalf of health trusts, which pay a premium to the organisation.

Hospital trust chief executive Diane Wake said: "The amount of compensation paid out on behalf of the trust each year includes settlement of some claims raised in previous years as far back as 1996 and, therefore, the amount each year can fluctuate."

"To minimise the number of claims made against the trust, we carry out a review of clinical practices when a claim has been made and implement changes, if necessary, to our practices."

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Brothers Joe and Adam at their barber shop, Xtreme Cutz, where they have opened a new bar

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Brothers Joe, of Cradley Heath and Adam Ingram, of Stourbridge, run Xtreme Cutz in Cradley Heath. Named Carol's Bar in memory of their mother who died in 2014, it was opened on December 11 and is believed to be the borough's first barber shop with a licensed bar.

Joe, aged 27, said: "It is touching to be able to open the bar in honour of our mother, it means a lot to us."

The opening date fell on Carol's birthday, and marked 18 years since Adam, 35, opened the business.

The brothers, who grew up in Halesowen, serve Special Cider, made at The Cider House in Quatt, Shropshire.

The bar took two months to build, and the brothers used businesses who are also their customers to carry out the work. Conditions of the licence means only people who pay for a haircut can be served alcohol. But they also serve hot drinks and milkshakes, which people can buy separately.

£1.6m brought in for hospital charities

TWO hospital charities have received more than £1.6 million through fundraising, donations and legacies in 12 months. The money has been used for a variety of projects in Sandwell and Dudley.

The Dudley Group NHS Charity received £246,257 in donations and £17,935 in legacies during the 2016/17 financial year. Fundraising also helped to add £79,314 to the pot. Chief executive Diane Wake said: "We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of those who support our charity."

She said donations had been used to buy specialist equipment as well as introducing new digital reminiscence therapy software to areas across Russells Hall Hospital, for the benefit of dementia patients.

Meanwhile, the registered charity for Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals – Your Trust Charity – raised £1,246,000 from April 2016 to March 2017.

Museum forges ahead with expansion scheme

AMBITIOUS plans to expand the Black Country Living Museum have moved forward with the submission of a formal planning application.

Bosses want to install new buildings, structures, a tramway extension and an access road.

The work is part of a project to cre-

ate a 1940s/60s village, complete with pub, library and bowling green, at the attraction on Tipton Road.

Allocated

A total of £9.8 million funding has been allocated and will form phase one of the £21.7m project BCLM: Forging Ahead.

Dudley Council has received the application and it will now go before

planning committee members who will make the final decision.

The move was welcomed by Councillor Alan Finch, who said: "I welcome this 100 per cent. It is a fantastic project."

"The Black Country Living Museum is the hub of Dudley, so anything that will improve it is much welcomed."

Rotary club's sleigh tour raises £4,500

MORE than £4,500 has been raised for good causes despite heavy snow hampering a rotary club's annual Christmas sleigh tour.

Kinver Rotary Club was forced to call off four nights of Santa sleigh visits during recent bad weather. But Rotarians were still able to bring in thousands for charities across Kinver, Wollaston, Envile and Wall Heath.

Club president Clive Corbett said: "Although the weather left us no option but to disappoint many children on the four routes we were unable to undertake, the joy that we gave to so many is a great thing and the real essence of Kinver Rotary's work."

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The Prodigy,
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ELECTRO giants The Prodigy put on an incredible show at Wolverhampton with thunderous bass, tremendous energy and a phenomenal lights show.

Despite having been in the industry for 27 years, the Essex band gave a stellar performance packed with hit after infectious hit, barely coming up for air between songs.

The city centre venue was heaving with fans, from young teens to 40-something ravers, many of whom donned fluorescent clothing and glow sticks.

The crowd on the floor was a sea of bodies, each of them jumping and dancing to the array of fan favourites blasted by the band.

With the group playing beneath mesmerising lighting made up of dozens of spotlights, and singing into UV microphones, it was truly a sight to behold.

Songs performed by the band spanned their highly-successful career, from nineies hits Firestarter, Breath and Scream My B**** Up, through to noughties numbers such as Run With The Wolves.

Keith Palmer, AKA Maxim, was without doubt star of the show. The 50-year-old icon's energy was unwavering throughout, as were his vocals and powerful stage presence.

Though it was hardly needed, Maxim continuously rared up the crowd, demanding shouts and jumps at every turn.

"I can't hear you," he bellowed.

"Is this Wolverhampton or what?"

And the audience happily obliged, as they danced for their lives to an array of thumping tunes, such as Omen, Voodoo People, Their Law and Take Me To The Hospital.

A true stand-out moment for the Civic and one of the most thrilling nights out in Wolverhampton I've had in a long time.

KIRSTEN RAWLINS

24 **The boys are back in town for pop classics**

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for pop classics

Jersey Boys, New Alexandra Theatre,
Birmingham

THE familiar rags to riches story about a group formed by friends who grow apart is given a 'The Sopranos'-like twist in this all-conquering jukebox musical based on the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

When they started in New Jersey in the early '60s, the gang of Italian-American neighbourhood pals were more successful at getting criminal records than hit records.

That past was to catch up with them and split the band when they had become one of the most popular groups in America.

That success, based largely on Bob Gaudio's songwriting genius and Valli's helium vocals, was not with the Woodstock generation but with the people who worked on production lines or flipped burgers - people like them.

Filled to the brim with classic Four Seasons songs, from Sherry to Rag Doll, Walk Like A Man to Who Loves You?, this is a show as smart as the quartet's suits and as slick as their synchronised moves.

It also cleverly staged, often switching the perspective to give a back stage view.

The language pulls no punches and the show is fast-paced with lots of humour to balance the drama and tragedy.

Ultimately it depends on the four young men in the spotlight and in this production they are exceptional - Michael Watson is totally believable as the ambitious Valli, delivering that famous falsetto but also able to croon; Simon Bailey is the crooked Tommy DeVito; Declan Egan the sly but brilliant Gaudio; and Lewis Griffiths the unassuming Nick Massi.

Their sensational sound prompted a standing - and dancing - ovation from the Birmingham audience.

Jersey Boys continues at the Alex until January 6 and visits Wolverhampton Grand from August 28 to September 6.

LEON BURAKOWSKI



Dreamgirls

Inspired by the true story of Diana Ross and The Supremes, this Tony award-winning musical directed and choreographed by Casey Nicholaw (The Book of Mormon, Aladdin, Something Rotten!) tells the story of 'The Dreams', a young female singing trio from Chicago, who have to learn the hard way that the road to stardom has a lot of deep holes and deadly traps.

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The simple life for Scott's new sound

Wolverhampton's Ivor Novello Award-winning singer Scott Matthews is planning a busy 2018 with the release of his new album, *The Great Untold*.

The singer-songwriter plans to release the record in April with a tour following in May. It will include a date at Birmingham's St Paul's Church on May 20.

The record is Scott's simplest to date. For the first time in his five-album career, there's no band, no lavish production – just Scott. It is a man, a guitar and a song. It sounds simple, doesn't it? And it is.

Scott's new record, *The Great Untold*, is a career-defining masterpiece. The sixth studio album by the Ivor Novello Award-winning singer-songwriter is the one that many have craved: it is a masterclass in honesty, instinct and reflection.

A largely acoustic recording, Scott's sublime new record features sparse production. Recorded at home and in acoustically-resonant rural churches, instrumentation has been jettisoned. His 10-song cycle is the sound of a man comfortable in his own skin, putting his neck on the line with a collection of otherworldly songs.

"I'm still working on it but it's coming together and the songs are there. The record will be out in spring. I've always wanted to record a sparse, stripped back record and finally the time felt right to do that."

The ghosts of Paul Simon, Tim Buckley, Nick Drake and John Martyn loom large on a collection that ranks alongside work by some of the world's great singer-songwriters. On his sixth record, Scott has created songs that are breathtaking in their beauty and audacious in their simplicity.

The absence of drums, bass, cello and flute on *The Great Untold*, however, should not infer that it lacks depth. Far from it. The richness in Scott's new work comes from subtle playing and mellifluous melodies. He has improved again. He has become a master of his craft; a man who can play like Bert Jansch, sing like an angel and write songs that Joni Mitchell might admire.

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In many ways, *The Great Untold* is the start of a new era for Scott. Since his debut album, *Passing Stranger*, in 2006, the Wolverhampton-born star of bluesy acoustic has refined his craft. Writing deft and sensitive songs during a trajectory that began with the ethereal *Elusive*, *The Great Untold* marks a new beginning.

The first great arc of his career was completed with his Home duology; a stunning pair of records that reflected on his journey thus far. The Great Untold is the sound of a man moving on. Scott is recently married, soon-to-experience fatherhood and has new hopes and fears, new stories to tell. "After Home Part 2 was finished, I was looking to move forward by marrying harmony with my experiences since the last record. The plan to write an acoustic record has always been there. I take a while over the songs. But in recent years, I've been keen to release more records. So I'm setting myself deadlines and working more quickly. Robert Plant once told me I ought to do more – and I took his advice."

Scott has been fine-tuning his sixth studio album



Scott has tested himself as a songwriter. The absence of a band means he is vulnerable and exposed. But, in many ways, it was ever thus. He started as a soloist and is ready to fly alone. It opens new possibilities, a different type of challenge. "It takes me out of my comfort zone and has made me test myself. I've pared it down to guitar and vocals. At the beginning, there was nobody else. It's time to surprise myself. It's time to go back to my own world. I've gone full circle.

"This is how it all began. I would write at home, in Wolverhampton, and I'm doing that again now."

Lyrically, *The Great Untold* is a work with poetic intent. "It's a collection of songs that lots of people will relate to. It's a real mood-shift of a record. The songs always start from a personal angle, but listeners will hear them in different ways. When I'm writing, I'm almost hearing voices from The Masters and thinking: 'Would they approve?'" The point is to make a connection.

"I want to move somebody with the power of moods and music. It's very powerful stuff."

It is in the right hands. And that's an apposite description for

It's a collection of songs that lots of people will relate to

The Great Untold. It is a record written by a man at the peak of his powers, by a musician able to channel great beauty in songs that reveal the most human of truths.

Scott remains proud of his Black Country heritage and *The Great Untold* is a record rooted in the region. He has a home studio in his back garden – he calls it the Shedio – and that's where he disappears with his thoughts.

"Things have changed a lot. Back in the day there was the big record label, the management deal and all sorts of people around us. These days it's just my wife and I: we make the decisions, I write the songs, we take it on the road. I kind of like doing things that way. It gives us more artistic control. It's been a steep learning curve but there's a lot to be said for keeping things simple."

Keeping things simple is precisely what *The Great Untold* does. And with his demos for the record now complete, it's shaping up to be the greatest record of his career.

ANDY RICHARDSON

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Shrek The Musical



Ogre-awed – Alexandra has dazzling new season

A HOST of exciting productions are set to grace the stage of the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham after the venue revealed its dazzling new season.

Shrek The Musical, Strangers On A Train and the astounding Cirque Berserk are just some of the hit shows lined up at the Station Street theatre. Plus, the UK premiere of Sting's Geordie musical The Last Ship and war drama Sebastian Faulks' Birdsong.

It all kicks off next week with The Sound of Music. The Voice finalist Lucy O'Byrne returns in the role of Maria, opposite EastEnders star Neil McDermott as Captain Von Trapp. The Rodgers and Hammerstein show has an unforgettable score featuring Edelweiss, My Favorite Things, Do-Re-Mi, Climb Ev'ry Mountain, and, of course, the title song. Bill Kenwright's production is staged from January 16 to 20.

Strangers on a Train, January 29 to February 3, is a thriller about a murder swap, made into a classic movie by Alfred Hitchcock. It features Christopher Harper

(from Coronation Street) John Middleton (Emmerdale) and Hannah Tointon (Mr Selfridge).

Based on the story and characters from the Oscar-winning Dreamworks animation, Shrek The Musical bursts onto the stage from February 14 to 25.

Cirque Berserk features the world's most hair-raising circus act – the motorcycle Globe Of Death. At the theatre from March 14 to 18.

Andrew 'Freddie' Flintoff makes his stage debut in Kay Mellor's Fat Friends, alongside Jodie Prenger, Sam Bailey and Kevin Kennedy from April 3 to 7.

The UK premiere of Sting's personal, political and passionate musical The Last Ship is an epic tale of community and defiance starring Jimmy Nail from April 16 to 21.

Legally Blonde The Musical features Eastenders star Rita Simons and Eurovision hopeful Jade Jones from May 21 to 26. Shows in June will include Summer Holiday The Musical, based on the Cliff Richard film, and Birdsong to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.



Busy start to the new year of gigs

Now the festivities are over, the streamers and empties have been cleaned away at the region's venues and it's time to look forward to some of the best gigs coming up early in 2018.

The mega venues boast the biggest names with Paramore at the Genting Arena on January 14, and Lady Gaga (pictured) with her rescheduled tour calling in at the NEC venue on February 1, the day after her Arena Birmingham gig.

Then the Genting has Kendrick Lamar on February 9, The Script (15th), Imagine Dragons (24th), Morrissey (27th) and pride of Wales the Stereophonics on St David's Day, March 1.

Highlights at Birmingham O2 Academy includes festival favourites The Hunna on Thursday (January 11). Hollywood rockers Black Veil Brides co-headline with York's Asking Alexandria on January 23, punk veterans The Damned visit on February 1, then 80s faves Erasure play on February 11. Other February gigs to watch out for at the Academy include Texan punks Bowling For Soup (13th), Slam Dunk regulars Don Broco (15th) and Scottish indie rock legends Franz Ferdinand back with a new album (20th).

Across the city in Digbeth, things start to get interesting at the O2 Institute on February 1 with tipped-for-the-top Reading rockers The Amazons. American punk veterans The Dead Boys mark 40 years since their debut on February 2 and highly rated young American rockers Highly Suspect play on the same night in the venue's larger room. Expect some Sheffield steel on February 6 when up-and-coming metal monsters When She Sleeps roar into action.

Grammy nominated LA R&B singer-songwriter Jhené Aiko is at the Institute on February 8 and California rockers Alien Ant Farm are in action on February 12.

The voice of Mike & The Mechanics and Ace, Paul Carrack, has two concerts at Symphony Hall Birmingham on February 3 and 18.

Aussie star singer Natalie Imbruglia is at Birmingham Town Hall on February 5 and country pop legends The Mavericks will dance the night away at Symphony Hall on February 8.

Highlights at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath include ex-Special Roddy Radiaison with his Skabilly Rebels on January 13 and the following night it's garage rockers The Surfing Magazines (featuring ex-members of The Wave Pictures and Slow Club).

Craig Charles opens his trunk of funk, DJing at the Hare'n on the 19th. Reggae star General Levy visits on January 27 then there are two nights of psychedelic rock with noisy LA outfit Wand (29th) and San Francisco's Moon Duo (30th).

Things will get pretty cosmic too at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Sunday when the latest version of Space Ritual, featuring founder members of Hawkwind Nik Turner and Terry Ollis, beam down for a space rock celebration.

Also coming up at Mount Pleasant venue is the 30th anniversary performance of rock opera Operation Mindcrime by Geoff Tate on January 17 and British blues rocker Aylesley Lister Band on the 18th.

Jump n jive with King Pleasure & The Biscuit Boys on January 25, and good time rock n rollers The Quireboys deliver an acoustic set at the Robin on January 28.

Final few recommendations: Watch out for Mobo-winning singer Zara McFarlane at the Hare and Hounds on February 7; the return of Everything Everything after their A Fever Dream album with a gig at the O2 Academy on March 3; and a rare UK outing for American roots outfit Pokey Lafarge at the O2 Institute on March 7.



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CHOICE



Jim Sturgess

Hard Sun
(BBC1, 9.35pm)

A drama series about detectives who stumble across a government conspiracy while investigating a death may not sound particularly original – but the secret that cops Charlie Hicks (Jim Sturgess) and Elaine Renko (Agyness Deyn) uncover in Hard Sun involves the end of the world. The mismatched officers are dealing with a murder in the inner-city when they find proof that the Earth faces certain destruction in just five years due to a mysterious cosmic event, a fact the powers-that-be would very much like to keep under wraps. The duo must use every bit of their ingenuity to protect themselves as they are pursued by Secret Service operatives who are willing to silence them for good.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast, 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live**, 11.30 Mary Berry Everyday, 12.15 BBC News: Weather, 12.15 Football Focus, 12.45 MOTD Live: FA Cup, Fleetwood Town v Leicester City (Kick-off 12.45pm), 3.00 Money for Nothing, (R) 4.00 Final Score, 5.10 Celebrity Mastermind, 5.40 BBC News, 5.50 Regional Programme.
- 6.00 And They're Off for Sport Relief.** New series, Ore Oduba hosts a sporting challenge in which celebrities compete in a series of bizarre races, while members of the public try to predict which star will win.
- 6.40 Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a 1980s edition of the celebrity quiz, featuring four teams of famous faces from the decade seeking unlikely answers.
- 7.25 Wedding Day Winners.** New series, Lorraine Kelly and Rob Beckett host a game show in which two couples, aided by friends and family, compete through a series of challenges for the chance to win a televised wedding and a dream honeymoon.
- 8.30 Casualty.** The truth about Connie's illness is out, following her dramatic collapse while at work. As she recovers, she is devastated to hear that her colleagues are aware of her terminal diagnosis. Worse still is the news that her tumour has grown, and complications now mean that her consultant refuses to operate. Discharging herself, Connie persuades Ethan to drive her to London for a second opinion, but when she loses consciousness en route and is rushed into emergency surgery, her put-upon protege fears an agonising wait for news. Meanwhile, back at the ED, Dylan struggles to hold the fort, in the absence of more experienced hands.
- 9.20 BBC News: Weather.**
- 9.35 Hard Sun.** New series, Sci-fi crime drama starring Jim Sturgess and Agyness Deyn as two detectives who must find a way to keep the peace after discovering that the world is about to end.
- 10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights:** National Lottery Update.
- 12.05 The NFL Show, 12.35 Film:** The Resident, (2011) 2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead, 2.05 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.10 The Wonder of Animals, (R) 6.40 Naomi's Nightmares of Nature, 7.10 The Pets Factor, 7.30 Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch, 7.45 Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch, 8.00 The Dineciners, 8.30 Deadly 10, 10, (R) 9.00 World's Sneakiest Animals, (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer, (R) 11.00 Pets Wild at Heart, (R) 12.00 The Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure, (R) 1.00 Back to the Land with Katie Hopkins, (R) 2.00 Rome Unpacked, (R) 3.00 Film: The Letter, (1940) 4.30 Jaguars Born Free: Natural World Special, (R) 5.15 Trust Me, I'm a Doctor, (R) 5.45 Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight For Good, (R)**
- 6.15 Hugh's Wild West.** New series, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall goes in search of wildlife with the most dedicated nature lovers in the West Country, beginning in the Wyre Valley and the Forest of Dean.
- 7.15 A House Through Time.** Documentary charting 180 years of British history as lived through by the successive inhabitants of a terraced house in Liverpool, from the 1840s to the present day.
- 8.15 Dad's Army.** Capt Mainwaring and the platoon offer to help Pte Godfrey's widowed friend gather in the harvest on her farm – but their well-meaning efforts end in predictable chaos, (R)
- 8.45 Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs.** Paul Merton travels from Loch Gairloch to Loch Maree, meeting the king and queen of Islaona, matching a medieval feat of archery and diving to a wartime wreck in Loch Ewe.
- 9.15 Feud: Bette and Joan.** The convivial atmosphere that Bette is creating with her co-stars frustrates Joan, as she tries to sleep following the beginning of filming in Louisiana.
- 10.00 Feud: Bette and Joan.** Both actresses reflect on what might have been and Joan gets a call from her agent, who advises her against appearing in low-budget feature The Missing Link. Last in the series.
- 11.00 Live at the Apollo Christmas Special.** Festive fun, hosted by Katherine Ryan, with Marion Davis, Joel Dommett and John Robins.
- 11.45 QI XL.** With Josh Widdicombe.
- 12.30 Later with Jools Holland 25th Birthday Show, (R) 2.30 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Sooty, 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street, (R) 6.20 Bottom Knocker Street, (R) 6.35 Dino Dana, (R) 6.50 Super 4, (R) 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story, (R) 7.05 Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six, 7.30 Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show, (R) 7.55 Scrambled!: Fangbone, (R) 8.10 Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls, (R) 8.30 Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!, (R) 9.05 Scrambled!: Wishart, (R) 9.25 ITV News, 9.30 Saturday Morning with James Martin, 11.30 The Hungry Sailors, (R) 12.30 ITV News: Weather, 12.40 Endeavour, (R) 2.40 The Greatest TV Moments of All Time, (R) 4.35 Regional Programme, Weather, 4.45 ITV News: Weather, 4.55 The Chase: Celebrity Special, (R)**
- 6.00 Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts a celebrity special of the game show, with Ellie Simmonds, Fay Ripley and Jimmy Carr guessing the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues.
- 7.00 Take Me Out.** New series. A hairdresser, a rugby player, a children's entertainer and a student try to impress 30 single women and win a date. Paddy McGuinness presents.
- 8.00 The Voice UK.** New series, Emma Willis hosts the seventh series of the singing contest, which this year sees Olly Murs joining returning coaches Will.i.am, Tom Jones and Jennifer Hudson on the famous spinning chairs. The search for a star kicks off, as usual, with the first in a series of rounds of blind auditions, as the panel listen to each contestant with their backs turned, ensuring that they judge the performance on the strength of vocal ability alone. Those who succeed here will progress to the Battle and Knockout phases.
- 9.35 ITV News: Weather.**
- 9.50 Film: Spectre.** (2015) James Bond goes rogue after receiving a cryptic message that sets him on the trail of a secretive criminal network. While his colleagues face a new threat closer to home, Bond embarks on a globetrotting journey in search of the elusive mastermind behind the syndicate – whom he discovers may have links to his own past. Spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig.
- 12.30 Jackpot247, 3.00 Babushka, (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

- 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 7.50 Frasier, (R) 8.20 Frasier, (R) 8.55 Frasier, (R) 9.25 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 9.50 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 10.20 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 10.50 The Simpsons, (R) 11.15 The Simpsons, (R) 11.45 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses, (R) 12.45 Dart, BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. Live coverage of the afternoon session on the opening day of the tournament, 5.30 A Place in the Sun, Summer Sun, (R)**
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 Spying on the Royals.** Part one of a two-part documentary examining an espionage operation conducted to gather information on Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. Shown to mark the 80th anniversary of the king's abdication, the programmes examines recently declassified documents revealing the extent of the surveillance and who ordered it, as well as featuring dramatic reconstructions and eyewitness accounts, (R)
- 8.00 Princess Diana's "Wicked" Stepmother.** An examination of the turbulent relationship between Diana, Princess of Wales and her formidable stepmother Raine Spencer, who rose from humble origins with the help of her larger-than-life mother, the novelist Barbara Cartland, to become a countess and a member of the royal family. Raine was a divisive figure, who was doted on by her husband Johnnie Spencer but loathed by Diana and her siblings. Yet as the princess's marriage collapsed, she reached out to her stepmother for support, marking a change in the women's relationship, (R)
- 9.00 Film: The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2.** (2015) Premiere. The civilisation of Panem is consumed by a bloody civil war. Reluctant rebel leader Katniss Everdeen leads a band of her allies to a mission to end the conflict at one stroke by assassinating the despotic President Snow – but faces many dangers as she closes in on her target. Conclusion of the sci-fi adventure series based on Suzanne Collins' novels, starring Jennifer Lawrence.
- 11.40 Film: The Transporter.** (2002) 1.25 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA, (R) 2.15 Hollyoaks, (R)

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshake, 9.35 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, 10.10 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2, (R) 10.40 Cruising with Jane McDonald Christmas Special, (R) 11.45 Film: West Side Story, (1961) 2.30 Film: The Hundred-Foot Journey, (2014) Comedy drama, starring Helen Mirren, 3.30 5 News Update, 3.35 Film: The Hundred-Foot Journey, (2014) Concluded, 4.45 5 News Weekend, 5.00 Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud, (R)**

- 6.00 The Wonderful World of Puppies.** New series. Documentary charting the first few months of a dog's life, following different breeds as they take the first steps on their own unique developmental journey. Dalmatians, Daphne and Digby start to develop the spots that will mark them out for life, and take their first stumbling steps in the great outdoors. Ruby the toy poodle's huge personality belies her diminutive frame, while abandoned Jack Russell pup Boomer's shattered confidence will need to be rebuilt by the love of a foster home.

- 7.00 Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!** Joe Pasquale narrates a special documentary celebrating some of the greatest pranks celebrities have managed to play on each other, (R)

- 8.00 Blind Date.** Paul O'Grady hosts a revival of the dating show in which a drama teacher from Surrey and a digger driver from Hull must choose between three unseen suitors.

- 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** Friday's highlights from the house, including another chance to see what surprise Big Brother sprung on the women last night.

- 10.00 Worst Celebrity Pop Songs Ever.** A countdown of the 40 most memorable records by celebrities, featuring performances by Mr T, Katie Price, Vinnie Jones, Sam Fox and an assortment of soap stars, (R)

- 11.45 Lip Sync Battle UK: Rufus Hound v Jorgie Porter.** Melanie Brown and Professor Green present the musical game show as comedian Rufus Hound and actress Jorgie Porter go head to head lip-synching to a hit song, (R)

- 12.15 SuperCasino, 3.10 Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh, (R) 4.00 GPS: Behind Closed Doors, (R) 4.45 House Doctor, (R)**

DIGITAL

- 8.00 Four**
- 7.00 Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History**
- 8.00 Alaska – Earth's Frozen Kingdom**
- 9.00 Spiral 11.05 The Vietnam War**
- 12.00 Bee Gees at the BBC**
- 2.00 Alaska: Earth's Frozen Kingdom**
- 3.00 5 News Update, 3.35 Film: The Hundred-Foot Journey, (2014)**
- 4.00 Close**

ITV2

- 12.00 The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale**
- 1.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway**
- 1.30 Who Shot Simon Cowell?**
- 1.30 You've Been Framed**
- 2.30 Gold 3.00 Film: Legally Blonde**
- 2.30 Film: Hotel Transylvania**
- 2.55 Film: Hotel Transylvania 2012**
- 4.40 Film: The Mummy**
- 7.45 Film: The Mummy (1999)**
- 7.45 Film: The Hangover**
- 10.00 Film: The Hangover (2009)**
- 11.10 Family Guy 12.10 American Dad!**
- 1.05 Film: Paranoia**
- 2.00 Film: Paranoia (2013)**
- 2.10 Teleshopping**

ITV3

- 11.05 Foyle's War 1.10 Film: Columbo: Suitable for Framing**
- 1.25 Midsomer Murders 11.00 The Suspicions of Mr Whicher: The Murder in Angel Lane**
- 1.00 On the Buses 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen**
- 2.30 Teleshopping**

ITV4

- 1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Sandown & Wincanton**
- Ed Chamberlin**
- 1.30 Film: The Enforcer**
- 1.45 Film: Khartoum (1966)**
- 5.10 Film: Khartoum (1966)**
- 6.45 Film: Dr No (1962)**
- 7.50 Film: The Enforcer (1976)**
- 7.55 Film: The Enforcer (1976)**
- 10.00 Film: The Enforcer (1976)**
- 11.05 Film: Platoon**
- 12.10 Film: Platoon (1986)**
- 1.25 Car Crash Global: Caught on Camera**
- 2.25 Tommy Cooper**
- 2.50 IT4 Nightscreen**

E4

- 12.30 Don't Tell the Bride 1.35 The Goldbergs**
- 4.00 The Big Bang Theory**
- 9.00 Film: Red (2010)**
- 11.10 Gogglebox**
- 1.20 Rude Tube: Love Bytes**
- 2.00 Gogglebox**
- 3.15 First Dates**
- 4.10 How I Met Your Mother**
- 4.55 Rude (h) Tube**

Film4

11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days

(2012)

1.00 The Indian in the Cupboard

(1995)

2.50 Rio (2011)

4.40 Tooth Fairy

(2010)

6.45 GI Joe: Retaliation (2013)

9.00 Now You See Me (2013)

11.15 Insidious: Chapter 3 (2015)

1.10 Mr Nice (2010)

3.35 Close

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SUNDAY'S TV JANUARY 7

CHOICE



Holly Willoughby (left)

Dancing on Ice (ITV, 6pm)

Some shows just run and run, never pausing for breath and seemingly always at the top of the ratings tree. Others burn brightly, fade away and need a wee rest before coming back better than ever. ITV is hoping that Dancing on Ice falls into the latter category. It ran for nine series between 2006 and 2014, then took a break. Now it's back, as are presenters Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield and judge Jason Gardiner; Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean return too, but as judges rather than mentors, while Ashley Banjo will also offer his opinions. But it's the participants we're most interested in, and they're a mixed bunch.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.** **7.30 MOTD:** FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out. (R) **1.40** MOTD Live: FA Cup. Shrewsbury Town v West Ham United (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Antiques Roadshow. (R)
- 6.05 BBC News.**
- 6.20 Regional Programme.**
- 6.30 Countryfile.** The team explores the Ribble Valley. Matt Baker visits the Gisburn Forest, Anita Rani meets refugees who are discovering farming in the snow, and Adam Henson learns about stallions that have a vital role to play in preserving rare breeds of horses. Plus, Tom Heap reports on a controversy surrounding new rules on gun licensing, including weather for the week ahead.
- 7.30 Still Open All Hours.** Granville has a new idea for growing the business and branches out into offering fitness classes, while Mr Newbold undergoes an image overhaul to repel Mrs Featherstone.
- 8.00 Attenborough and the Sea Dragon.** The naturalist joins a team of scientists examining the 200 million-year-old fossilised remains of an ichthyosaur, a vast sea creature that was discovered on Dorset's Jurassic Coast. As the skeleton is reassembled, advanced imaging technology and computer animation is used to create a simulation of the sea creature as it would have appeared when it was still alive – the most detailed reconstruction of its kind ever attempted. Meanwhile, forensic investigators painstakingly examine the bones to solve the mystery of how the ichthyosaur died.
- 9.00 McMafia.** Alex receives an offer from someone claiming to be an old friend, and Semyon seeks backing for his business venture – while Lyudmilla uncovers his investors' secrets.
- 10.00 BBC News.**
- 10.20 Regional Programme.**
- 10.30 MOTD:** FA Cup Highlights.
- 11.30 The Women's Football Show.**
- 12.05 Weather** for the Week Ahead.
- 12.10 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.20 Coast.** (R) **7.20** The Instant Gardener. (R) **8.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Greatest Gardens. (R) **9.05** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** Food & Drink. (R) **12.30** The A to Z of TV Cooking. (R) **12.40** Meet the Moose Family: Natural World. (R) **1.40** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.10** Talking Pictures: Maggie Smith. (R) **2.50** Film: Ladies in Lavender. (2004) Period drama, starring Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. **4.30** Fog It! (R) **5.15** Ski Sunday.
- 6.00 The Real T. Rex with Chris Packham.** Chris Packham embarks on a global journey to discover the truth about the Tyrannosaurus rex, which has endured centuries of scientific inaccuracy and Hollywood misrepresentation. The naturalist uses new studies into dinosaur skin, teeth and muscles, as well as groundbreaking insights into its behaviour to create the most accurate CGI representation of the dinosaur ever produced. To help, Chris speaks to experts in birds, biomechanics and alligators, and has access to one of the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeletons in existence. (R)
- 7.00 Robot Wars Special 2017: The World Series.** The second of two specials pitting champions from past series against rivals from other countries, featuring contenders from Russia, the USA, Canada and the Netherlands.
- 8.00 Robo Wars' Den.** A serial entrepreneur pitches his online greeting card business, and a Surrey-based inventor hopes his word game could become a family Christmas favourite. (R)
- 9.00 Michael Palin: A Life on Screen.** The actor and writer looks back on his career. Featuring classic clips from the archives and contributions from collaborators John Cleese, David Jason and Armando Iannucci.
- 10.00 Film: And Now for Something Completely Different.** (1971) Compilation of sketches from the first two series of Monty Python's Flying Circus. Starring John Cleese, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle and Terry Gilliam.
- 11.25 Film: Strictly Ballroom.** (1992) **1.00** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Holby City. (R) **2.55** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Sooty.** **6.10 Bottom Knocker Street.** (R) **6.20 Bottom Knocker Street.** (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Spy School. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV TV News. **9.30** River Monsters. (R) **9.55** The Voice UK. (R) **11.30** Tipping Point. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** A Right Royal Quiz. (R) **1.40** The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale. (R) **2.45** Catchphrase. (R) **3.45** Regional Programme; Weather. **4.00** ITV News; Weather. **4.10** Film: Happy Feet Two. (2011) Animated musical comedy sequel, with the voice of Elijah Wood.
- 6.00 Dancing on Ice.** New series. Celebrities and professional partners figure skaters pair up as after a four-year break, Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield reunite as hosts of the popular dance contest. Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean are also back, though as judges rather than mentors, alongside Jason Gardiner and Ashley Banjo. This year's contestants are Donna Air, Cheryl Baker, Alex Beresford, Candice Brown, Keri Cetina, Antony Cotton, Max Evans, Lemar, Jake Quickenden, Perri Shakes-Drayton, Brooke Vincent and Stephanie Waring.
- 8.00 Vera.** New series. The detective investigates when charred human remains are found in an abattoir furnace, and attempts to deduce who they belong to and how they came to be here. Brenda Blethyn returns for an eighth series of mysteries based on Ann Cleeves' novels.
- 10.00 ITV News;** Weather.
- 10.10 Film: Captain Phillips.** (2013) The captain of a cargo ship travelling around the coast of Somalia is taken hostage when pirates raid the vessel. Fact-based thriller, starring Tom Hanks and Barkhad Abdi.
- 12.35 Great Art.** (R) **1.30** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

- 6.15 The King of Queens.** (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. Live coverage of the afternoon session on the second day of the tournament. **5.30** The Great Festive Bake Off. (R)
- 6.45 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 The World's Wildest Weather.** Footage shot by members of the public of unusual and dangerous weather from around the world, including Alpine avalanches and cyclones in the South Pacific. The programme features first-hand accounts of the events featured and scientific analysis of the footage and how the strange weather conditions came about.
- 8.00 The Biggest Little Railway in the World.** New series. Dick Strawbridge leads a team of enthusiasts attempting to build the longest model railway in history, stretching 71 miles across Scotland from Fort William on the west coast to Inverness on the east coast. The project faces an early challenge navigating the Caledonian Canal, but a train ferry proves an ingenious solution. The team must also apply full-size railway technology to the task of traversing Loch Lomond.
- 9.00 SAS: Who Dares Wins.** New series. Reality show in which people are put through SAS recruitment tests to see whether they can match up to the pressures the elite regiment faces. This time, the show comes from Morocco's Atlas Mountains, and chief Instructor Ant Middleton and his Directing Staff have come up with an intensified course for the 25 volunteers.
- 10.00 Film: The Sweeney.** (2012) An insubordinate detective and his loyal partner must crack a robbery case while under investigation from their superiors. Crime thriller, starring Ray Winstone and Ben Drew.
- 12.10 Film: Moonrise Kingdom.** (2012) Comedy drama, with Bruce Willis and Edward Norton. **1.55** Grand Designs Australia. (R) **2.50** Location, Location, Location. (R) **3.45** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **4.15** Coast vs Country. (R) **5.10** Four in a Bed. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Little Princess. **6.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wisper. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.45** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.35** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.40** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.25** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.40** Noddy Toyland Detective. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmy and Shimmer. (R) **9.25** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. **10.40** Film: Groundhog Day. (1993) **12.40** Film: Practical Magic. (1998) **2.40** Will & Grace. (R) **3.10** Blind Date. (R) **4.15** Film: The Love Punch. (2013)
- 6.00 The Two Ronnies: In Their Own Words.** A celebration of the lives and careers of comedy duo Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett, featuring performances, chat show appearances and rare and long-forgotten archive material. (R)
- 8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present action from the 13th round of matches, including Worcester Warriors v Bath, Northampton Saints v Gloucester, and Wasps v Saracens.
- 8.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of another day for the illustrious inhabitants as they cope with the day-to-day complications of life under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother.
- 10.00 Film: Hot Pursuit.** (2015) Premiere. An upright police officer has to protect a gangster's widow as they go on the run from hitmen and corrupt cops. Crime thriller, with Reese Witherspoon.
- 11.00 5 News Update.**
- 11.05 Film: Hot Pursuit.** (2015) Concluded.
- 11.50 One Night with My Ex.** Former couples decide if they should get back together, including Jay and Sandy, whose passionate relationship ended when she heard rumours he had been unfaithful. (R)
- 12.50 Lip Sync Battle UK.** Jimmy Carr vs Alexander Armstrong. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** GPS: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **4.00** Close

DIGITAL

- BBC Four**
- 7.00 Only Connect** **7.30** Britain on Film: Messing About in Boats **8.00** Dan Snow on Lloyd George: My Great Grandfather **9.00** Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down **10.00** The Bridge: Fifty Years Across the Forth **11.00** Film: Stations Across the Cross (2014) **12.45** Dan Snow on Lloyd George: My Great Great Grandfather **1.45** Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down **2.45** The Bridge: Fifty Years Across the Forth **3.45** Close
- ITV2**
- 12.35** Take Me Out **1.40** The Voice UK **3.20** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **4.50** FYI Daily **4.55** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **5.25** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **9.00** ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** Film: Delivery Man (2013) **1.35** FYI Daily **1.40** Film: Delivery Man (2013) **2.30** Teleshopping
- ITV3**
- 11.35** Foyle's War **5.50** Endeavour **8.00** Les Dawson: An Audience With That Never Was **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.00** Midsummers Murders **1.50** Executed **2.45** Road to Avonlea **4.35** On the Buses **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen
- ITV4**
- 11.25** Pawn Stars **1.45** Film: The Sea Wolves (1980) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55** Film: The Sea Wolves (1980) **4.10** Film: Khartoum (1966) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Khartoum (1966) **6.50** Hornblower **9.00** Film: Ransom (1996) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** Film: Ransom (1996) **11.30** Film: RoboCop 3 (1993) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35** Film: RoboCop 3 (1993) **1.35** The Professionals **2.35** The Protectors **3.00** Teleshopping
- E4**
- 12.00 Film:** The Borrowers (1997) **1.40** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Film: Titanic (1997) **10.50** Film: American Reunion (2012) **1.05** Gogglebox **2.10** First Dates **3.15** Rude Tube **3.40** Hollyoaks
- Film4**
- 11.00** Stuart Little (1999) **1.00** Robots (2005) **2.40** Antz (1998) **4.20** Home Alone (1990) **6.25** The Core (2003) Sci-Fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart. **9.00** Die Hard 2 (1990) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **11.25** Savages (2012) **2.00** The Pool (2007)

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MONDAY**Killer Mom, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

Premiere. When 14-year-old Allison loses her father in a plane crash a few years after her adoptive mother died, she is devastated. At the funeral, she is shocked to meet her birth mother Jessica, who is intent on controlling the \$40m her daughter is set to inherit. Thriller, starring Karen Cliche. (2017)

TUESDAY**Eyewitness, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

After her testimony sent him to jail, a woman finds herself held captive in her own home when the man who murdered her father and fiancée escapes from prison to confront her. Thriller, starring Lindy Booth, Craig Olejnik and Jon McLaren. (2017)

WEDNESDAY**The Social Network, Channel 4, 1.10am**

Fact-based drama following internet billionaire Mark Zuckerberg's rise to wealth and fame. An online prank played on an ex-girlfriend gives Harvard student Zuckerberg the idea for Facebook, which soon expands away from the famous university into a worldwide phenomenon. However, in getting his project off the ground, he makes enemies of those who helped him along the way. With Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield and Justin Timberlake. (2010)



The Social Network, Wednesday, Channel 4, 1.10am

THURSDAY**Dear Diary, I Died, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

When a college student appears to have committed suicide, her sister tries to uncover the secrets behind her death. Thriller, starring Katherine Kelly Lang, Whitney Rose Pynn and John J York. Edited for language. (2016)

FRIDAY**Amy, Channel 4, 12.10am**

Documentary portrait of soul, jazz and R'n'B singer-songwriter Amy Winehouse, whose untimely death in July 2011 followed a well-publicised history of drugs and alcohol abuse. Director Asif Kapadia traces Amy's rise and demise over the 13 years preceding her death, telling her story via her music and autobiographical song lyrics. (2015)

The boys are back in town for a thrilling new series

When ITV launched the action drama series *Lethal Weapon* last year, a lot of viewers were initially sceptical about its chances of success. For a start, it's rare for US series to be shown on the channel in primetime – even the acclaimed *The Americans* struggled in the ratings and was eventually moved to ITV Encore.

And then there's the fact that *Lethal Weapon* was based on a hugely successful movie franchise – would viewers be able to accept a Riggs and Murtaugh who were played by anyone other than Mel Gibson and Danny Glover?

It seems even actor Clayne Crawford, who plays the Gibson role of loose cannon Riggs, didn't expect audiences to share his enthusiasm for the show.

He told Collider: "I read the script on a plane and I had that moment of being a 12-year-old boy, who just wants to play cowboys and superheroes. I was like, 'This is a cowboy superhero! I called my wife and said, 'Look, I think I'm

gonna say yes, but there's no way it will make it past three episodes.'"

Luckily, he was proved wrong. Not only did US audiences take the revamped *Lethal Weapon* to their hearts, but so did UK viewers – meaning not only is there a second season, but it's now back on ITV.

For anyone who missed the first series (or the films that inspired it), it focuses on the cop duo of Riggs, a reckless former Navy SEAL who moved to LA following the deaths of his wife Miranda and their unborn child, and Murtaugh (Damon Wayans), a steady family man who returned to the force following a heart attack.

The previous run ended with Murtaugh discovering just how far Riggs was prepared to go in pursuit of his wife's killer.

In this opening episode, Riggs is in Mexico, where he plans to avenge Miranda's death and finish off Tito Flores (Danny Mora) once and for all – but the cop's loyal partner is on his trail.

"I don't think we ever want Riggs healthy. The more Riggs is a mess, the more fun it is."

Once the duo are back in the US, they face some tough questions due to the ongoing investigation into Flores' activities – and Murtaugh's family also have a few points they'd like to get cleared up.

Meanwhile, Captain Avery (Kevin Rahm) is questioned by Internal Affairs about the integrity of his department.

But if the Miranda storyline does get wrapped up, can we expect a calmer, more responsible Riggs in the rest of season 2?

It seems not, as Crawford says that the forthcoming episodes will reveal that some of his character's problems predate the tragic loss of his family. Speaking to Collider, he said: "The beauty of TV is that you have 22 hours to tell a story, so we're gonna really find out who Riggs is and who he was before, and go into his childhood to see that it started bad."

"I don't think we ever want Riggs healthy. The more Riggs is a mess, the more fun it is."



Lethal Weapon, Friday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

**Transformation Street
ITV, 9pm**

From firemen to soldiers, railway workers to writers, this three-part series follows the extraordinary transformations of men and women who all believe they were born into the wrong body. Filmed over a 12-month period, cameras have been given unprecedented access to a private clinic on Wimpole Street in London, run by world-renowned plastic surgeon Christopher Inglefield. Tonight we meet 20-year-old Lucas, who was born a girl but has been living as a man for two years. He arrives at the clinic with his mum Karen, for a consultation about having his breasts removed. Railway worker Wendy, 43, is also about to undergo her gender confirmation surgery at the clinic. After counting down the days for thirty years, Wendy is determined to have the female body that she felt should have been hers at birth and to have her male genitals removed.

**FRIDAY
The Wine Show
Channel 5, 7pm**

New series. Actors Matthew Goode and James Purefoy travel to the south of France to find wines to accompany a six-course lunch chosen by Michelin-starred chef Stephane Reynaud.



Transformation Street, Thursday, ITV, 9pm



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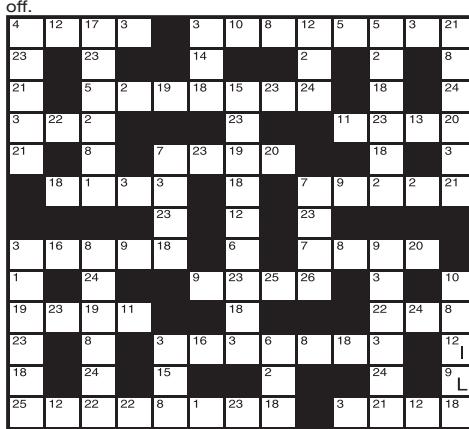
PICK OF THE WEEK

BRAIN GYM

No.461

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

O	F	H	T	M	Z	A	U	P	V	Y	X
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Quiz

- In which bay is the island of Capri?
- Which soprano was born Helen Porter Mitchell?
- In which city were the Plymouth Brethren founded?
- In which Austrian city was Mozart born?
- What was the Beatles' own record label called?
- Which city's Roman name was Durovernum?
- Which Royal's middle names are Elizabeth Alice Louise?
- Which Radio 4 show did Kenneth Robinson present for 15 years?
- Of what is the tog a unit of measurement?
- Of which country was Victor Emmanuel proclaimed king in 1861?

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

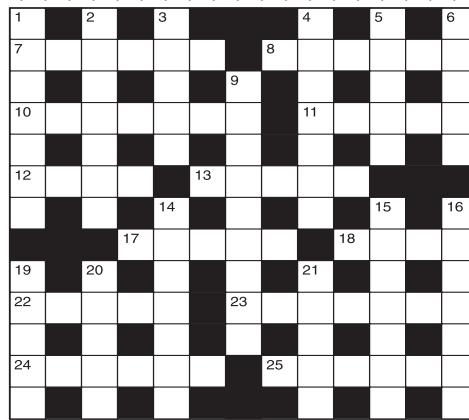
Cryptic Clues: Across

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- Changes which should be made by wrongdoers (6)
- The source of a writer's material (6)
- Send a boat down for coal (7)
- Piece of land is on lease (5)
- Some pay earned for a period (4)
- Hides one's relatives on board (5)
- A view that makes sense (5)
- A pressing need (4)
- Unusually eager to come to terms (5)
- Smoke and produce an angry reaction (7)
- Something to read in bed? (6)
- They work to avoid discord (6)

Down

- It sees or can be seen in the dark (4,3)
- It has no meaning (7)
- Revises information about tides (5)
- Sensing change they finish top of the staff perhaps (7)
- Upset to make light of (5)
- Speak for the government? (5)
- It may be adjusted for the rest of the holiday (4,5)
- Generous in providing a form of Braille (7)
- There are all types in his trade (7)
- Concentrated in a nervous way (7)
- One with no faith in father backing a horse (5)
- Body in the baggage (5)
- Brush and clean thoroughly (5)



Quick Clues: Across

- Seer (7)
- Against (7)
- Compare (5)
- Wariness (7)
- Pamphlet (5)
- Pitcher (4)
- Underneath (5)
- Ill-defined (5)
- Independent (4)
- Depress (5)
- Honest (7)
- Noiseless (6)
- Style (6)

Down

- Mend (6)
- Hurry (6)
- Guard (7)
- Concord (5)
- Energetic (9)
- Tramp (7)
- Bandit (7)
- Bonds (7)
- Near (5)
- Reside (5)
- Fracture (5)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Poker; 4 Varnish;
8 Opinion; 9 Cream; 10 Lees; 11 Fortress;
13 Book; 14 Flog; 16 Tranquill; 17 Heat;
20 Chide; 21 Embargo; 22 Lighter; 23 Thyme;
Down: 1 Problematic; 2 Knife; 3 Rail; 4 Vendor;
5 Recitals; 6 Icing; 7 Home sweet home;
12 Conquest; 13 Bearing; 15 Linear; 18 Early;
19 Abut.
QUICK - Across: 1 Rival; 4 Diverts; 8 Fatuous;
9 Ledger; 10 Idle; 11 Profound; 13 Etna;
14 Head; 16 Archives; 17 Part; 20 Radiate;
21 Elevate; 22 Natural; 23 Dress.
Down: 1 Refrigeration; 2 Vital; 3 Loot; 4 Desert;
5 Villified; 6 Redoubt; 7 Steadfastness;
12 Engineer; 13 Enchant; 15 Reveal; 18 Abate;
19 Send.

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a fish,
gives a second fish,
gives a third fish.

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Ford scrappage extended and Fiesta leads market

UK market leader Ford announces the extension of its successful scrappage scheme as Ford CV sales and share increase in November's CV market and sales of the all-new Fiesta reinforce its leadership of the market.

According to the official November sales figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT):

- Ford is the UK market leader in total vehicle, car and CV sales
- Fiesta is UK best-seller; Transit Custom first in CV and sixth in total vehicle charts
- Transit range is second in UK total vehicle sales
- Ford has five models in the UK Top 20 – Fiesta (1st), Focus (4th), Transit Custom (6th), Kuga (12th) and Transit (20th)

The Ford scrappage scheme, which includes cars and CVs, has been extended into the first quarter of 2018. The success of the scheme, which has seen over 10,500 vehicles scrapped and replaced with cleaner, more fuel efficient vehicles, is expanded to include the Ford Ranger as well as the most popular all-new Fiesta, Focus and Transit CV models.

Andy Barratt, Ford of Britain chairman and managing director, said: "The Ford scrappage scheme has been so well received by our customers and I'm pleased to announce its extension to next year."

"We have an excellent product line-up and our scheme is applicable to one of the broadest ranges of vehicles, including the



Ford's scrappage scheme now extends to the Ford Ranger

segment leading Ford Ranger. We continue to carry strong sales momentum as we move towards the end of the year.

"Our CV sales growth was particularly positive in an increasingly challenging market.

"It's also rewarding to see the all-new Fiesta strengthening its leadership position as we continue the launch of the full model range, with Fiesta Active and ST still to come to complete the line-up of our most technologically advanced Fiesta ever."

The official figures released by the SMMT show that total car sales in November were down 11.2 per cent to 163,541 units, compared

with November 2016. For the year to date (end November) UK car sales were 2,338,144, down five per cent compared with the same period in 2016.

Ford car sales for this period were 271,855 some 78,738 registrations ahead of its nearest rival.

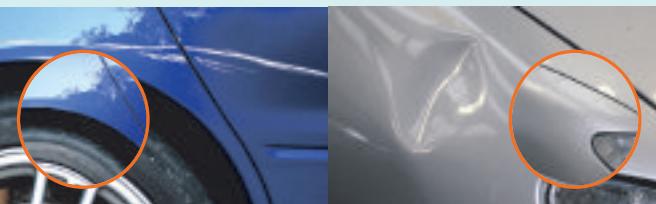
Ford is the clear leader in retail car sales, which most accurately reflect the preferences of private buyers. At 11.7 per cent, Ford's November retail car sales share was 3.9 percentage points ahead of its nearest rival, and for the year to date, Ford's retail car sales share was 11.7 per cent.

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The new Nissan Micra is, quite simply, a revolution

Micra's 1.0-litre engine provides outstanding urban performance

By James Parker

The entry level 1.0-litre version of the all-new Nissan Micra is playing a key role in the hatchback's sales success.

Customers are clearly impressed with its perfect balance of urban performance and low running costs.

The highly efficient 71PS three-cylinder unit has accounted for 20 per cent of orders across Europe since it went on sale earlier this year. However, that figure is forecast to rise even higher, to 23 per cent by next March – the end of FY17.

With approximately 46,000 new Micras sold, it means close to 10,000 customers are already enjoying the 1.0 engine's frugal performance. Naturally aspirated, the engine is linked to a five-speed manual transmission. This powertrain results in official Combined Cycle fuel economy of 4.6 litres/100km and CO₂ emissions of 103g/km when running on 15 or 16-inch wheels.

The 1.0-litre 71PS is one of three refined engines which available on the all-new Micra. The others are a 0.9-litre 90PS three-cylinder turbo petrol and the 1.5-litre 90PS four-cylinder diesel.



The car has athletic and expressive design

Offering a 71PS engine makes the Micra more accessible than ever before. It extends Nissan's coverage within the European B-hatchback segment to 65% of all vehicles sold.

With more than half of all European B-hatchback vehicles sold in the 61-100PS category, the Micra is perfectly positioned to meet the needs of small car consumers.

The 1.0-litre 71PS engine is available on three grades, from entry level Visia to mid-range Acenta.

The new Nissan Micra is quite simply a revolution. It is a radical progression from the model it has replaced, and from the trio of highly successful superminis which date back to the Micra's debut in Europe in 1983.

Longer, wider and lower than ever before, the all-new Micra has been conceived, designed and engineered with European B-hatchback consumers' requirements at the top of the agenda.

And those who have already bought one are thrilled with it. Scores and comments posted via independent reviews organisation Reevoo have revealed an impressive average of 8.8 out of 10. A third of reviewers have awarded their Micra top marks – 10 out of 10.

Key to the all-new Micra's appeal is the car's athletic and expressive exterior design, which moves the Micra name plate in a daring new direction.

The contemporary look and premium feel continues inside, with a high-quality cabin that boasts two-tone soft-touch materials as standard across the range.

With a wheelbase that's 75mm longer than its predecessor, it features segment-leading interior space for front seat occupants.

The all-new Micra is also a technology leader, with a number of features which are not only new to the Micra but new to the segment. These include Intelligent Lane Intervention, a safety system which gently corrects the Micra back on to the right path should it be required. These advanced driver assistance technologies help the Micra to a four-star Euro NCAP rating (five stars in the UK).

Also unique to Micra is the BOSE Personal audio system, which features speakers built into the driver's head rest for an immersive 360° sound experience. The new Micra is available with a wide range of personalisation options, allowing owners to modify the exterior and interior with premium components in a variety of stylish and contemporary colours.

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Rider in support plea as he pursues dream

A CYCLIST from the Black Country is aiming to get to the top of his sport – and is calling on support from the area to help him.

Former Wolverhampton Wheelers rider Adam Lewis moved to Belgium four years ago to pursue his riding dream and has been signed up for team T Palm Pole Continental Waloon, which is in the third division of cycling. It means he will be competing in professional races in France, Belgium and Luxembourg from February, but he must pay for himself.

The 22-year-old from Willenhall says he needs around £5,000 to cover the first eight months of the season, paying for rent, food and coaching and has set up an online funding page.

Lewis said: "I will be racing throughout Europe in some of the most prestigious pro races in France, Belgium, Luxembourg to name just a few. Unfortunately, due to being a third division team they are not required to pay a salary which means my budget is extremely tight."

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No signs of flagging from the men in black

SPORTING FEATURE

By Nick Elwell

"I have been refereeing for 20 years and I really enjoy it. It gets me out and it still gives me that buzz."

THERE is no substitute for experience, so the old adage goes. And that was certainly the case when the officials trotted out for a recent clash in the Wolverhampton Sunday League.

The combined age of the men in black who took charge of the top-flight showdown between Penn Tandoori Sundas and AFC Jacks totalled 219 years.

Man in the middle Bill Turley clocked in at the tender age of 68 while his flag waving assistants, Terry Connolly and Harry Worrall, are 72 and 79 respectively.

And the occasion is set to gain national attention thanks to the presence of the Sky TV cameras.

Sky presenter Johnny Phillips, a columnist with The Chronicle's sister publication The Express & Star, was in attendance at Wolverhampton Casuals' Brinsford Lane having heard about the trio's appointment when he was guest speaker at a recent Wolverhampton Referees Association meeting.

Popular

The three wise men were brought to the screen over the festive period when they featured on the popular Soccer Saturday show hosted by Jeff Stelling.

And with the cameras rolling, the banter was soon flowing between the trio and Wolverhampton Referees Association chairman Phil Reade, the man responsible for appointing officials to Wolverhampton Sunday League games.

"Bill reckons the players say he looks like Gerry Francis, with his hair like that. I reckon it's more Peter Stringfellow!" quipped Phil.

"Bill is a larger than life character and Harry is really well known having been a referee for over 50 years, while Terry is probably the quieter one.

"All three of them are well respected around the local leagues and they enjoy a chat and a bit of banter with the players.

"It's great that they are getting some recognition for what they do and it's also good publicity for the league and the refs' association.

"We are the biggest association in the country and we have quite a number of refs who are aged 50 or above. This was a big game but I don't look at ages

when I make the appointments. I just look at whether they can handle the game.

"All three of them are experienced refs who know how to handle players. And they did a good job, just don't remind me about Bill's white boots!"

The white boots will see plenty of action this season with Bill likely to clock up a century of games during the course of the campaign.

And the Pendeford-based former publican has no plans to call time on his refereeing days anytime soon.

"Since I retired and I am free in the week, my phone never stops ringing," said Bill, who was amateur with Wolves and whose son, Billy, played professionally as a goalkeeper for Northampton Town, Oxford and Rushden & Diamonds.

"I refereed in the Wolverhampton Sunday, the Midland Junior Premier on Saturdays, the Midland Junior Floodlit League and also school and college games.

"Over the course of the season I will do over 100 games. I love it. I'm not a young man but I am fit for my age. I'm an ex semi-pro and I know the game.

"I have been refereeing for 20 years and I really enjoy it. It gets me out and it still gives me that buzz. I love the banter because that's the sort of player I was. I talk to players, I'm a communicator.

"The one thing I don't like is when they get personal and backchat. If they do that, then I clamp down on that."

As for the white boots...

"The story behind the white boots is that they were my son's," added Bill. "He used to give me his boots – I must have 15 pairs still to wear.

"There is nothing in the rules to say you can't wear

white boots. I'm a colourful character. I'm a bouncy sort of bloke and if my boots are the only talking point then I have done a good job."

Footwear seemed to be a bit of theme on the morning of the game with Harry having splashed out on a new pair. And, like Bill, he will clock up fair few miles in them as he enters his 51st year as a referee.

"I still do the occasional senior game, but it's mainly youth games for me," says Harry, who lives in East Park.

"And I will carry on as long as the old knees keep up. I have a tablet each morning and put some muscle rub and knee supports on, and that does the trick.

"I felt great at the end of the game on Sunday and still enjoy it. I lost my wife 16 years ago and football is what keeps me going. I love my football."

"But the game is not like it used to be. There is a lack of respect towards referees these days. You get the manager on the touchline having a go and that filters through to the players.

"You have to have a word with them but I haven't got a card out for ages. I prefer to talk to players, it's all about man management. Anyone can get a card out."

Stopped

Terry, 72, is the least experienced of the trio having only decided to pick up a whistle 10 years ago.

But he still boasts plenty of footballing nous having run various youth teams from Bushbury youth club for over 40 years.

"I have been refereeing for about 10 years," he said.

"I used to run football and then stopped to raise a family. But I came back to the sport 10 years ago wanting to be a referee.

"Similar to Harry, I lost my wife and football is a big part of my life and keeps me active."

"I usually do three or four games a weekend and also referee five-a-side at Codsall School on a Monday. "I do adults and juniors, Wolverhampton Sunday League, Beacon League and the Midland Junior League. I enjoy it so much, that's why I do some many games."

"As long as my legs keep carrying me about I will carry on. I really do sleep well on a Sunday and Monday after all the games. But by the next weekend I am fine to go again."

Premier debut is a Goldson gift

FORMER team-mate Andre Gray led the tributes after Connor Goldson made an emotional Premier League debut for Brighton & Hove Albion.

Wolverhampton-born Goldson was named man of the match in the December 23 clash, after shutting out Gray's Watford on his top-flight bow – 10 months after being withdrawn from action to have heart surgery.

And though Goldson's performance condemned Watford to a fourth straight defeat, Gray could not hide his delight on social media.

Posting a picture of the duo contesting for possession on Twitter, Gray wrote: "From Sunday League Deanfield young boys to the Premier League, against all odds, we did what no-one could dream of... not even us I don't think! Connor Goldson, I'm proud of you beyond belief, you've come through more than I can imagine and now we here! Man of the match on debut

speaks for itself. Love you bro." The duo represented Wolverhampton Schools as youngsters before getting their break at Shrewsbury Town.

Although Gray would have to leave for non-league Hinckley, before rising through the ranks with Luton, Brentford, Burnley and now Watford; Goldson established himself in Shropshire.

He helped guide Town to promotion from League Two – and was named in the League Two team of the year – before linking up with Brighton, who were promoted last season under Chris Hughton, although Goldson missed the end of the campaign after a routine heart screening revealed a suspected defect.

After making his debut, Seagulls boss Hughton said: "It's a happy changing room for Connor, because he's a very popular player. We all know what he went through. You have to wait for your chance and I thought he was very good."



Andre Gray and Connor Goldson during the match

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Vital win over rivals to kick off new year

Sutton Coldfield Town 0 Halesowen 1

HALESOWEN began the new year with a vital away win at relegation rivals.

Jordan Goddard grabbed the only goal of the game for a battling Yeltz side on New Year's Day.

But it could have been a more decisive success, with Sutton forced to defend for most of the game.

Ethan Jones shot just wide for the visitors on just four minutes. Then Exodus Geohagon saw a header from a corner saved on 12 minutes.

Goddard had a great chance on 54 minutes but shot over.

But he made no mistake a minute later when he fired into the top corner to give Halesowen three valuable points.

Halesowen Town 1 Buxton 3

ON Saturday, Yeltz slumped to defeat with Liam Hardy completing a hat-trick in the first half-hour.

Hardy took just 18 seconds to find the net and doubled Buxton's lead in the 29th minute with a delightful finish. Just a minute later Hardy completed his second hat-trick of the festive period with a confident finish across Dan Platt.

The Yeltz pulled a goal back in the 36th minute when John McAtee broke away and crossed for Enock Ekongo to hit a low shot underneath defender Matt Baker and goalkeeper Jan Budtz.

Halesowen 0 Mickleover 0

HALESOWEN were reduced to nine men but held on to claim a point in a disappointing Boxing Day stalemate.

Bradley Lewis saw red in the 71st minute for a second yellow card and with eight minutes to go captain Ivor Lawton was shown a straight red card for a foul. The visitors, featuring Pablo Mills and Clinton Morrison failed to capitalise.

Death of boxing referee aged 76

ONE of the world's top boxing referees, who hailed from the Black Country, has died aged 76.

Paul Thomas, born in Brierley Hill, had kept order in almost 300 world title fights. He also officiated thousands of fights in the West Midlands as a judge.

Mr Thomas eventually moved to Derby but son Dean, 52 and one of three children, insists his father always saw himself as a West Midlander.

"I can remember him taking me to the (Wolverhampton) Civic Hall to see all the local fights before he became a referee," he said.

"It was around 1977 or 78 that he started as a referee and you have to finish when you are 65, but then he still did some work overseas. All in all, it was near on 40 years as a referee."

Dean, added: "He went on to live in Derby but the Black Country is his roots."

The funeral is at the Markeaton Crematorium in Derby at 2pm on January 12.

Football officials are showing age red card

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Top half in sights after thumping win

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club have played their last two matches of 2017.

In Birmingham division 4 the second team were at home to Walsall Kipping. Martin Berridge drew on board three and Jeremy Humphries followed suit on board five.

On board 4, Richard Wilkinson was soon a pawn up against Doreen Anderson which eventually became a full piece and Doreen resigned when about to lose more material.

On board 6, Colin Woodall brought home a

point and John Foxall won on board one. Finally Eric Horwill and his opponent agreed a draw so a thumping 4.5-1.5 win for Stourbridge, who should finish in the top half of the division if they continue to play like this.

The first team played away at Kidderminster in a rearranged Worcester and District Division 1 fixture. On board 2, team captain Paul Sharratt had the better of his game and was a pawn up and in the better position in the middle game, but failed to sustain the advantage and settled for the

draw. On board 3 Julie Wilson won a pawn and exchanged queens early on but also ended in a draw.

Sam Bradley played soundly throughout and accepted the draw with Stourbridge ahead on board one, where Zibi Koncki won his game and the match.

This is the first time Stourbridge have played in this league and this was an excellent start.

Anyone interested in joining Stourbridge chess club should contact Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk

Pottinger is new boss at Lakeside

CRADLEY Heathens team boss Will Pottinger has been appointed as manager of Lakeside speedway team. He will, however, remain with the Heathens for their National Trophy campaign.

The Vortex Hammers are preparing for an exciting year after moving up into the SGB Championship.

Pottinger was approached for the job after Kelvin Tatum relinquished the role due to other commitments.

It is a big step for the 30-year-old, who has enjoyed remarkable success with the Heathens in the National League but is now set to test himself at a higher level with the Essex-based outfit.

And he said he could not wait to get started at the Arena-Essex Raceway.

"It's a great privilege to be asked by Lakeside to manage their team, so it's something I'm really looking forward to," Pottinger said.

"I helped Lakeside out on three occasions last season, managing them when Kelvin Tatum was unavailable, and I obviously made an impression which has led to this opportunity.

"It's nice to be asked to take on a job in the Championship, and although it's going to be a challenge I'd like to think I'm ready for it.

"Lakeside have put a very strong side together, and I've dealt most of the riders at some time or another.

"I imagine there won't be too much bedding in time for me which is good, and I'm looking forward to getting started."

Proudlock wins the battle of ex-Wolves

TWO former Wolves strikers went head-to-head in the dugouts – and Adam Proudlock got the better of Lee Mills.

Newport Town, managed by Proudlock, kept up their title charge in West Midlands League Division One on Saturday with a 3-1 win at Team Dudley, where Mills is boss.

Mills spent three years at Molineux, from 1992 until 1995, while Proudlock came through the youth ranks and figured for them between 1998 and 2003.

Second-half goals from Rob Millington, who was then sent off, Jay Russell, via the penalty spot, and Ed James saw Newport to victory.

Moving tribute to club mascot



Fiancee Carly and son Archie cuddle an Albi toy during the tribute to Richard Eades, inset

ALBION players and fans joined heartbroken family members in a moving tribute to former club mascot Richard Eades.

The players donned black armbands at the New Year's Eve match against Arsenal in memory of the club stalwart, who died just hours earlier than the Boxing Day home fixture against Everton at the age of 42.

Richard, from Wednesbury, spent nearly 30 years associated with his beloved Albion – where he was most recently known as the man inside the costume of Baggie Bird's sidekick

Albi. Richard's death sparked scores of messages paying tribute to the father-of-two, who was also a highly-respected referee with the Birmingham County FA. His family, fiancee Carly and their two children, Lily-Mae, aged eight, and Archie, three, took to the pitch ahead of the 1-1 draw with Arsenal. Mascots from Villa, Blues, Wolves and Walsall joined Baggie Bird on the Hawthorns pitch to remember him.

Fans held a minute's applause on the 42nd minute with Baggie boss Alan Pardew also seen joining in.

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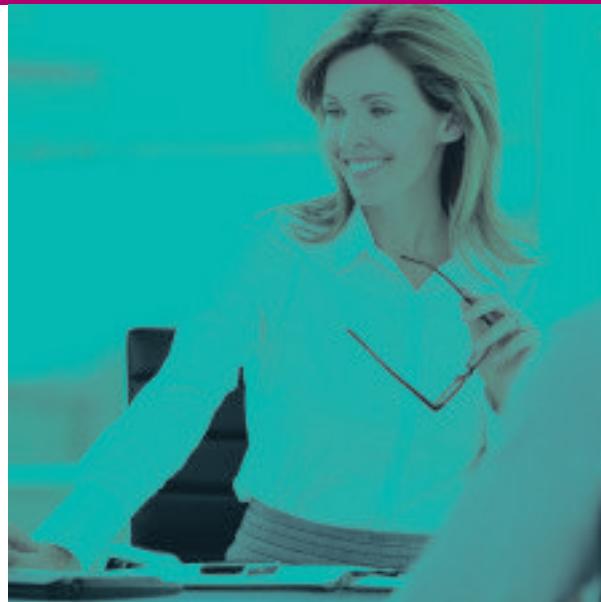
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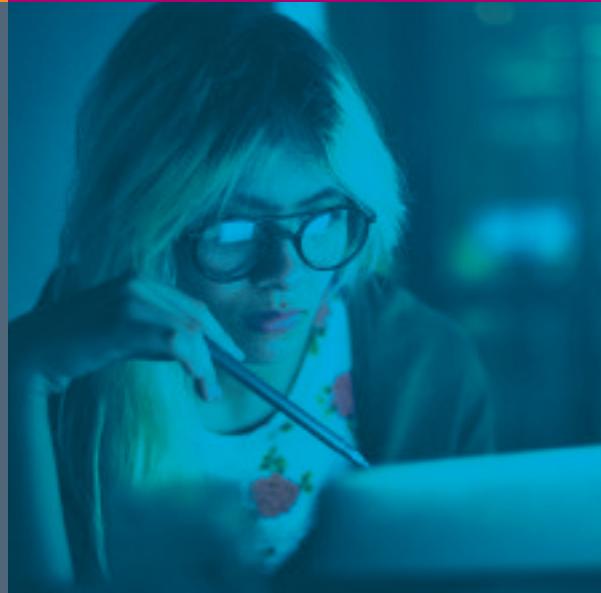
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